Recognized Authority on Connellsville Coke Trade.

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Prices and Prospects.

COKE CONTRACTS FOR COMING YEAR STILL IN THE AIR

Consumers at Sea and Evince Disposition to Hold Aloof.

TRADE CONDITIONS CANVASSED

By Producers Selling Agency With View Fixing Fair Price and Sticking There; Disposition to Contract by Quarters; Other Market Features.

Special to The Weekly Courier.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 3.—A few of the coke operators have been making active efforts to induce consumers to close contracts for the first half or all of next year, but the majority have been holding aloof. An important selling interest in Uniontown has been canvassing trade conditions on the basis that by such a canvass it will be able to prognosticate the future and determine what would be a fair price for coke. The idea is to fix a price and then adhere to the figure. In view of the fact that the iron and steel manufacturers generally are more at sea than they have been more than two or three times in the past half dozen years the project appears to be quite an ambitious one.

It is rumored in some quarters that a proposition has found much favor among some of the operators selling through the central agency, that coke be sold quarter by quarter, instead of for six months or a year at a time. The plan might prove a particularly acceptable compromise at this time, when buyers are wavering between buying from month to month and contracting for six months.

There are rumors that $1.75 or $1.80 has not only been quoted on contracts for first half furnace coke, but has actually been paid on some important spanages. No absolute confirmation of such reports can be found other than that a furnace in Fayette which normally consumes its coke has been offering it at about that level, the tonnage being hardly more than sufficient to operate one furnace. The usual asking price on contracts is $2.00, though there appear to be a few operators who would sell limited tonnages, perhaps only as backing, at $1.85.

Prompt furnace coke has had a light movement, the total transactions in the week being only between 100 and 200 cars. While $1.85 or $1.90 is usually quoted as the asking market, it is well established that $1.75 has been done, and possibly shaded.

Foundry coke is holding up very well, as to standard brands. Indeed there are some producers who adhere to their old quotation of $3.00, having a good tonnage on books and being practically out of the market. Producers who really desire to sell are quoting $2.00 to $2.75, and $2.50 is occasionally done, making the market unchanged in the past few weeks. The market as a whole is quotable as follows:

Prompt furnace	$1.75@$1.85
Contract furnace	$1.85@$2.00
Prompt foundry	$2.50@$2.75
Contract foundry	$2.50@$2.75

The Pittsburg district coal market has suffered considerable of a relapse owing, primarily to the close of the lake shipping season, but secondarily to decreased manufacturing demand and decreased domestic demand on account of mild weather. While the mines in the Pittsburg district ran fairly well last week a considerable number closed on Saturday and conditions improve and this week production in the district is trending at only about 60 per cent. of capacity. Prices have weakened so that the advance of last October is lost and the market is not overly strong at the early season prices: Slack, 90 cents; nut and slack, $1.05; nut, $1.25; mine-run, $1.30; ¾-inch, $1.40; 1¼-inch steam, $1.50; 1¼-inch domestic, $1.55, at mine.

The pig iron market has been absolutely stagnant, there being hardly any inquiry and sales being confined to occasional small lots. Bessemer is quotable at $15, basic at $13, and foundry at $13.50, Valley, with $2 cents freight to Pittsburg, but these prices are largely nominal.

Average monthly prices of furnace and foundry coke, for prompt shipment, have been as follows, estimated according to prices named in these weekly reports:

	Furnace.	Foundry.
January	$3.85	$4.50
February	2.60	3.10
March	2.47	3.15
April	2.20	3.15
May	2.15	3.00
June	2.20	2.90
July	2.50	2.90
August	2.50	3.00
September	2.37	2.90
October	2.10	2.75
November	1.88	2.63

The November pig iron averages as compiled by W. P. Snyder & Company from actual sales in the market of 1,000 tons and over are announced at $15.125 for Bessemer and $13.013 for basic, both being at Valley furnace. The Bessemer average shows a decline from October of 57.8 cents and the basic average decline of 59.8 cents. The Bessemer average is the lowest since September, 1912, and the basic average is the lowest since May 1913.

STEEL MILLS RESIST PROPOSED PRICE CUT

Point Out That It Costs More to Make Steel Than it Did Several Years Ago.

Special to The Weekly Courier.

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—The American Metal Market and Daily Iron & Steel Report will review the steel trade tomorrow as follows:

Steel mills are showing an increased disposition to resist price declines. The word is going around that since the period of very low prices two years ago the cost of production has been very materially increased, wage advances alone contributing about $1 per ton of finished steel, and that no one should expect the prices of two years ago to be reached on this decline.

The familiar statement is being made that the mills will not mortgage their future by accepting contracts for forward delivery at minimum prices. The policy is common in the fore part of a period of low prices but the practice towards the close of the period has always been to load up. Whether precedents will be broken this time remains to be seen. The question is not a vital one at present as buyers show little disposition to contract ahead, except in the case of sheets and tin plates.

Mill operations have undergone a slight further decrease, and now average 55% of capacity, measured in finished steel. It is predicted a rate of 59% will be reached this month. January promises to show an increase in tonnage, though the authorities are not agreed on this.

Shipments of tubular goods are the heaviest in the finished steel list, and shipments of wire products about the lightest. Shapes are doing better than plates and bars.

Sheets for prompt shipment have weakened further, 1.90 for black and 2.90 for galvanized being fairly common; but the market presents a better aspect in that there is comfortable demand for first quarter, and mills are holding out for 2.00c and 3.00c for such delivery.

Railroad buying has not materialised and is hardly to be expected in volume for some time. The smaller channels of trade are most likely to show the first awakening.

Pig iron is extremely dull everywhere, with prices likely to be shaded on attractive inquiries, prompt [illegible] furnace $1.75.

COAL RATE COMPLAINTS

Washington County Operators Declare Charges are Excessive.

The Interstate Commerce Commission has received a complaint made by the Pittsburg & Southwestern Coal Company, the Pryer Coal Company, the Waverly Coal & Coke Company, and the Avella Coal Company, all of Washington county, against the Wabash-Pittsburg Terminal Railway Company, and some of its connections.

In the suit the petitioners claim that to get their coal shipped it must be sent from he mines in Washington county to a point on the West Side Belt railroad, a distance of 25 miles, and then re-shipped to destination. For this short haul a tariff of 30 per ton is charged by the railroad.

The complainants further aver that the defendant railroad has refused to grant them joint tariffs to points to which coal operators along the West Side Belt railroad have joint rates. It is also alleged that operators along the West Side Belt line have joint rates to markets of least competition, which, in order to reach at present, the Washington county operators along the line of the Wabash have to pay 30 cents more per ton on an average to reach.

LIKE THE HUNGARIANS.

West Virginia Operators Find They are Good Miners.

Although there are only 4,942 Hungarian miners in West Virginia, according to the report of the department of mines for 1912, men of this nationality have won a high place in the esteem of the coal operators. Some operators would rather employ miners from Hungary than from any other country in Europe.

Hungarian miners earn high wages in West Virginia.

Will Make New Fuel.

The Composition Coke Fuel Company will erect a plant, in Jeannette to make a new fuel that is said to possess the virtues of both coal and coke with the faults of neither.

Corporation a Big Exporter.

Four great American corporations exported their products last year to the value of $250,000,000, United States Steel being the chief exporter.

Get Pipe Order.

The United States Cast Iron Pipe & Foundry Company will furnish 600 tons of cast iron pipe to be delivered at Panama for the government.

Uncle Sam Wants Shells.

The United States Government placed a rush order for a $400,000 shipment of shells at the Tredegar Iron Works at Richmond, Va.

Storm Closes Mills.

Ten plants of the American Steel & Wire Company closed down recently for want of coal on account of the snowstorm.

Discover Coal Vein.

A seven-foot vein of excellent coal has been discovered on the Bolich estate, near Taylorsville, Pa.

Review of the Connellsville Coke Trade.

Statistical Summary.

PRODUCTION.	WEEK ENDING NOV. 29, 1913.				WEEK ENDING NOV. 22, 1913.			
DISTRICT.	Ovens.	In.	Out.	Tons.	Ovens.	In.	Out.	Tons.
Connellsville	22,319	15,770	6,5[illegible]	188,889	22,319	15,822	6,497	192,370
Lower Connellsville	16,748	12,962	4,0[illegible]	155,719	16,748	12,659	4,089	162,870
Totals	39,067	28,733	10,6[illegible]	344,108	39,067	28,481	10,586	355,240
FURNACE OVENS.								
Connellsville	18,089	13,114	4,9[illegible]	155,519	18,089	13,114	4,975	157,500
Lower Connellsville	5,552	4,527	1,0[illegible]	55,419	5,552	4,527	1,025	55,290
Totals	23,621	17,641	5,9[illegible]	210,938	23,621	17,641	5,980	212,790
MERCHANT OVENS.								
Connellsville	4,230	2,656	1,5[illegible]	32,870	4,230	2,708	1,542	34,870
Lower Connellsville	11,196	8,136	3,0[illegible]	100,300	11,196	8,132	3,064	107,580
Totals	15,446	10,792	4,5[illegible]	133,170	15,446	10,840	4,606	142,450

SHIPMENTS.	WEEK ENDING NOV. 29, 1913.	WEEK ENDING NOV. 22, 1913.
To Pittsburg	3,815 Cars.	4,038 Cars.
To Points West of Pittsburg	4,910 Cars.	5,287 Cars.
To Points East of the Region	1,276 Cars.	1,333 Cars.
Totals	10,001 Cars.	10,658 Cars.

FREIGHT RATES ON COKE, COAL AND ORE EXPECTED TO STAND

This is One of the Important Questions of the Fight.

RAILROADS WANT AN INCREASE

Opposition to Their Contention is Not So Strong as at Previous Hearing; Western Men Prepare to Combat Fuel Raise; Brandeis Leads Fight.

Special to The Weekly Courier.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Whether the freight rate on low grade commodities, such as coke, coal and ore, are to be advanced if eastern railroads should be granted permission to increase their tariffs 5% is one of the questions causing considerable speculation among interests which would be affected. The consensus of opinion seems to be that the Interstate Commerce Commission will not permit a flat increase of rates on those commodities, largely because of the fact that it has passed on these tariffs in recent months, after a careful inquiry into conditions.

The rate fight opened last week when President Daniel Willard of the Baltimore & Ohio and other railroad officials stated their case and made a general plea that rates be advanced 5%. There has since been a lull in the proceedings in order to permit Louis W. Brandeis, counsel for the shippers, to analyze the mass of figures submitted by the railroads to support their claim.

Serious opposition to the increased rate proposal has not been entered. From the fuel interests has come a protest from but one direction. The Chicago Chamber of Commerce proposes to combat any advances on tariffs for lake and rail shipments. The steel and iron interests are not represented by counsel.

Within recent months the Interstate Commerce Commission has directed that new tariffs apply to the transportation of coal, coke and ore, and shippers and consumers of these commodities are of the opinion that they will remain in force and not be affected by the present action. For the most part they were ordered to remain in effect for a period of two years. The most important of these cases were those prepared by John W. Boileau, the Pittsburg expert, in behalf of the Pittsburg Steel Company, the Connellsville coke operators and the coal operators of the Pittsburg district.

Daniel Willard, president of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, and F. A. Delano of the Wabash, sounded the issues upon which the railroads will base their defense for an increased rate.

In presenting the facts upon which the carriers will reply to prove the necessity for the five per cent increase, Mr. Willard said that during the past three years the roads in the territoy affected had spent in poperty investment some $600,000,000. Nevertheless, because of the fact that operating expenses had increased faster than operating revenues, these lines earned in the year ended June 30, 1913, less by $16,311,321 than for the year ended June 30, 1910.

"These companies," said Mr. Willard, "apparently not only failed to earn any return whatever upon the new capital invested, but saved even less from gross earnings as return upon the original property investment than they were able to show before this large additional expenditure was made. In the three years the Pennsylvania, New York Central and Baltimore & Ohio systems increased their property investment over $422,527,000. While their combined gross earnings increased $100,000,000, the net operating income was $8,537,597 less in 1913 and in 1910, $422,000,000 for betterments, additional equipment, etc."

In setting forth the conditions producing the present railroad situation Mr. Willard pointed out that "the cost of conducting the business has been and is being steadily increased by increases in capital charges, increases in wages, in taxes by burdens imposed by legislative enactments, such as extra crew laws, employers' liability and compensation acts, either in part or in whole at the expense of the carriers and, in various other respects."

SELL EMPLOYES LAND

Cambria County Concern Introduces New Departure.

The Mountain Coal Company, one of the largest concerns operating in Cambria county, is selling surface land to its employes under a plan by which the men can purchase property and build homes at little cost. This plan has been in force by several operators in the coke region for some years past.

The company owns practically all the mountain land between Dunlo and Beaverdale. Heretofore the surface, or a great part of it, was ragged woodland. The timber is being cleared off, and hundreds of acres are marked off into lots and offered for sale to employes or others desiring to purchase at $40 an acre. The soil is rich and will make splendid farming land.

A number of miner employes have already purchased acreage, some of them from two to six plots, and expect to engage in farming as incidental to coal digging. Several houses are in course of construction, and they are being erected with such comforts as to indicate a purpose of permanent occupancy by the families of builders.

PREVENTS EXPLOSIONS

German Scientist Invents Apparatus to Warn of Fire Damp.

An apparatus for the prevention of explosions in mines was demonstrated by Professor Fritz Haber, director of the Institute of Physical Chemistry, in Berlin, October 28, in the presence of Emperor William. The demonstration was the feature of the annual meeting of the Emperor William Scientific Foundation.

Haber's apparatus combines the principles of the Davy electric lamps. It has been already tried in the government mines. Many scientists in Germany have been endeavoring to invent such an apparatus since the Emperor in October last year suggested the idea.

Professor Haber has named the apparatus "the fire damp whistle." It consists of a pair of whistles, one supplied with normal air and the other with mine air and it gives an unmistakable screech when the danger point in the mine atmosphere is approaching.

WILL BUILD RAILROAD

Kentucky Line Proposed to Develop a New Field.

For some time there have been reports of a new coal railroad to be built in Tennessee or Kentucky for the purpose of developing some extensive coal properties, and a few days ago a meeting of certain of these interests was held in New York at which considerable progress was made towards active operations.

The road is to connect the prospective mines, near Barbourville, Knox county, Ky., with the Louisville & Nashville railroad at Beattyville, in Lee county, a distance of 65 miles, without refrence to branches.

The new road will run some distance east of the Louisville & Nashville line that comes up from Tennesee to the Ohio river and will traverse one or two counties that have no railroads at present.

Will Develop Big Tract.

Litts Coal Company, organized a few days ago at Coburn, Va., with a large capital, makes the announcement that they propose the development of the 7,000 acres of coal and timber land lying along the headwaters of Carr's Fork creek, immediately beyond the Letcher line in Knott county.

Big Iron Producer.

The United States Steel Company produced 47.72 per cent of the country's total output of iron, and 54.1 per cent of the country's output of ingots.

BIG STEEL COMPANY PAYS $4,000,000 FOR GREENE COUNTY COAL

Youngstown Sheet & Tube Closes Deal With J. V. Thompson.

5,000 ACRES CHANGES HANDS

Uniontown Banker and His Associates Get From $800 to $1,000 an Acre for Big Holdings; Independent Company's Plans Are Not Announced.

The $4,000,000 Greene county coal deal, whereby J. V. Thompson and associates have sold some 5,000 acres of coal to the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Company, concerning which numerous publications have from time to time appeared in the newspapers, was consummated this week, when the titles were finally passed and the transfers formally made. The average price paid for this coal was $800 per acre, but some of it commanded as much as $1,000 per acre.

The coal has a river frontage of over three miles. The vein is from 7 to 9 feet in thickness. Beginning at the Mary P. Hoge tract, just below Brown's Ferry and just opposite the Gates plant of the H. C. Frick Coke Company, the coal field extends up the river to McClain's Ferry and there adjoins the undeveloped coal tract of the United States Steel Corporation. The body of the Youngstown coal lies opposite Ronco and the coal is of the same general quality.

The Youngstown Steel & Tube Company has made no announcements as to development, but it is understood that the tract will be put under operation soon. It was bought for that purpose. There has been a persistent report for some time past that the Youngstown company would build a by-product plant at its Youngstown plant, and mine and ship its Greene county coal there for coking. This plan is under consideration, but no decision has been announced. The Youngstown company consumes 70,000 tons of coke per month, and the management considered it's essential in these days of close competition that the middleman's profit on its fuel be eliminated from its costs.

The Youngstown Sheet & Tube Company is one of the largest independent operations in its line in the country. Its principal plant is located at East Youngstown, O., on the Pennsylvania, Lake Erie and Baltimore & Ohio railroads. It consists of three blast furnaces having a capacity of 600,000 tons; Bessemer steel works, rolling mill, sheet mill, pipe plant and foundry with annual capacity of upwards of 2,000,000 tons of ingots, blooms, slabs, billets, sheet bars, skelp, hoops, universal plates, muck and scrap bars and black and galvanized sheets. The company produces half million tons of steel tubes. It consumes over 250,000 tons of coal and 500,000 tons of coke annually.

The officers of the company are: President, James A. Campbell; vice presidents, C. S. Robinson and H. G. Dalton. The directors include George D. Wick, J. G. Butler, Jr., John L. Severance, Robert Bemley, H. H. Stambaugh, E. L. Ford and Richard Garlick. The company has offices in Pittsburg, Philadelphia, New York, Boston, Chicago, Denver and San Francisco.

Patterson Buys Coal.

Jacob S. Patterson, the well known coal dealer of Waynesburg, has closed a deal for the undivided interest in the McCullough farm at Deer Lick. Mr. Patterson has also purchased an undivided interest in the coal underlying a tract of land known as the Mooney farm.

Funds for Mine Bureau.

The Secretary of the Treasury has recommended the appropriation of $762,000 for the Bureau of Mines. Of this, $10,000 is wanted for the steam and electric equipment of the Pittsburg testing station.

Production and Output.

THE UPPER CONNELLSVILLE AND GREENSBURG DISTRICTS

Recover from Slump of Two Weeks Ago Only to Fall Back Again; Output is Small.

The northern coke district seems to follow the fortunes of the Connellsville region proper. It recovered from the slump of the week of November 15, only to fall back again last week, when the total output of the Upper Connellsville and Greensburg Connellsville districts aggregated less than 30,000 tons. The following tabulation shows the output of each region and its market:

District	East	West	Total
Upper Conn.	6,824	7,669	14,493
Greensburg	10,111	4,954	15,065
Totals	16,935	12,623	29,558

The weekly record of shipments from both regions for the present year from February 15, are shown in the following table:

Week.	Upper.	Gbg.	Total
Feb. 15	20,569	19,684	40,253
Feb. 22	34,156	20,406	54,562
Mar. 1	34,342	23,059	57,401
Mar. 8	34,022	19,477	53,499
Mar. 15	34,205	22,331	56,536
Mar. 22	27,042	33,998	61,040
Mar. 29	24,320	22,850	47,170
Apr. 5	27,795	20,476	48,271
Apr. 12	27,429	22,597	50,026
Apr. 19	25,245	20,658	45,903
Apr. 26	21,323	19,228	40,551
May 3	25,435	19,963	45,398
May 10	27,201	21,471	48,672
May 17	23,814	21,920	45,734
May 24	20,135	22,135	47,270
May 31	27,564	20,839	48,403
June 7	28,635	22,307	50,942
June 14	20,576	18,401	38,977
June 21	22,052	20,316	42,368
June 28	19,243	19,866	39,109
July 5	22,565	15,896	38,461
July 12	22,806	18,362	41,258
July 19	15,033	16,428	32,301
July 26	22,741	17,615	40,356
Aug. 2	17,872	17,389	35,261
Aug. 9	20,822	17,398	38,220
Aug. 16	24,726	22,437	47,165
Aug. 23	15,011	20,339	35,350
Aug. 30	27,503	19,535	47,038
Sep. 6	25,307	22,489	47,796
Sep. 13	26,877	21,737	48,614
Sep. 20	25,734	23,185	48,919
Sep. 27	26,464	24,663	51,127
Oct. 4	26,018	24,737	51,355
Oct. 11	23,407	20,480	43,887
Oct. 18	24,810	22,277	47,096
Oct. 25	20,805	21,632	42,437
Nov. 1	25,824	22,504	48,328
Nov. 8	20,257	21,313	41,570
Nov. 15	15,800	13,115	28,915
Nov. 22	20,648	20,006	40,654
Nov. 29	14,493	15,065	29,558

THE COAL TRADE

Pittsburg Operators are Hard Hit by Various Conditions.

The coal trade has run into a slump which has resulted in curtailed output, especially for the operators of the Pittsburg district. The Pittsburg operators are operating about 60% of capacity and there is no prospect of immediate improvement.

Contributing causes are many. The Lake coal shipments are at an end for the season, making it necessary for the operators to find another market. At the same time came a suspension of operation among a good many manufacturers, or at least a curtailment, and the demand for coal is nothing to what had been anticipated for this time a few months ago.

On top of it all has been the unusually mild weather. Operators supplying the domestic trade are the principal sufferers, but the unseasonable conditions have been a blow to all branches of the mining industry.

TIRES OF NORTH.

American Engineer Home From Job With Arctic Coal Company.

George W. Conant, an electrician of Lowell, Mass., recently returned home after spending a year in Spitzbergen, in the employ of the Arctic Coal Company, an American concern which is operating a coal mine on that island. Mr. Conant says that he has had enough of the Arctic regions and does not intend to go back.

About 200 men, mostly Norwegians and Poles, are employed at the mine, which is 650 miles from the nearest Norwegian port. The coal is of good quality and its development is said to be profitable.

FEW MINERS STRIKE.

Frenchmen Do Not Respond When the Call is Issued.

Comparatively few of the 200,000 French coal miners obeyed the strike order issued by the National Federation, which was to have become effective last Thursday.

The object of the proposed strike was the eight-hour day, but as a new law is in course of enactment providing an eight-hour day for miners, the men apparently believed that nothing would be gained by going out at this time.

Pottstown Iron Plant.

The Ellis & Lessig Iron Works, at Pottstown, closed down last week. Another Schuylkill Valley steel and iron establishment is preparing for a suspension of operations about December 20.

Coal Exports Large.

Coal exports from Newcastle, South Wales, for the first nine months of 1913, were 3,756,432 tons, valued at $9,645,727, increases of 166,756 tons and $409,625, respectively.

Iron Ore Discovered.

A vein of iron ore six and one-half feet thick and fifty-two per cent pure has been discovered by the Hanging Rock Iron Company near Ironton, O.

Structural Order Placed.

An order was placed with the American Bridge Company recently for 5,000 tons of structural shapes for the new Statler Hotel at Detroit.

COKE PRODUCTION KEEPS PACE WITH THE COKE DEMAND

And Even Anticipates It Somewhat on Occasion.

PRODUCTION 11,000 TONS LESS

While Shipments Slump 22,000 Tons, But Stocks of Coke and Pig Iron are Light and to This Extent the Situation is Good; Merchant Plan.

The Connellsville coke operators continue to regulate coke production to demand and to avoid the accumulation of stock. Last week, production fell to 344,000 tons, but shipments were 356,000 tons, indicating the putting over of a temporary surplus of some 12,000 tons. Of this 9,000 tons came from the plants of the merchant operators. Part of this may have been standing over, but the point is that production is being restricted.

A similar condition prevails at the merchant furnaces, where stocks are reported to be remarkably light. The steel trade and its contributing industries seem to be using every precaution to avoid profitless prices during the present period of depression. The steel manufacturers are already protesting against further reductions on the ground that it cost more to make steel, because of increased wages, than it did two years ago. Wages, of course, represent the bulk of the cost of production.

Compared with them, however, coke and pigs are relatively small factors. The manufacturers of the latter products, particularly the furnacemen, are consequently unwise when they sell their products at unprofitable prices. This is the feeling among the merchant operators of the Connellsville region, but unfortunately it is hard to control the price situation when demand dwindles to small proportions. This is the problem which confronts the merchant operators just now and it is understood that they are giving it serious consideration. The coke producer has a decided advantage over the furnaceman. The former can curtail or increase production with little inconvenience while the latter must either run his stacks or shut down. There is no middle ground for the pig iron producer.

Production last week is estimated at 344,108 tons of which the furnace interest made 210,938 tons and the merchant interest 133,170 tons. By districts the Connellsville region produced 188,889 tons and the Lower Connellsville region 155,719 tons. Compared with the previous week this shows a curtailment in production of 11,132 tons, chiefly with the merchant ovens. The furnace ovens are running practically five days, while the merchant plants are running part five and part six days.

Shipments for the week aggregated 10,001 cars carrying 356,785 tons consigned as follows:

Districts.	Cars.	Tons.
Pittsburg	3,815	132,039
West	4,910	170,111
East	1,276	44,735

Compared with the previous week this shows a decrease of 22,119 tons. Eastern shipments are practically the same, but Pittsburg shipments dropped off 7,793 tons and Western shipments 13,504 tons.

There was a net decrease of 48 active ovens in the region last week. Ovens were shut down at Love 32, Magee 40, Griffin 20, scattering 10, total 102; and fired up at Mahoning 15, Alicia 15, Royal 13, scattering 11, total 54.

COKE FREIGHT RATES.

Revised Charges Now in Force to Various Points, East and West.

The revised rates on coke per ton of 2,000 pounds from the Connellsville region to points both east and west are as follows:

Pittsburg	$ .75
Youngstown and Valley points	1.20
Wheeling	1.20
Cleveland	1.65
Columbus	1.65
Canton	1.40
Toledo	1.85
Detroit	2.10
Milwaukee	2.70
Chicago	2.50
E. St. Louis	2.80
Buffalo	1.85
Erie	1.65
Harrisburg	1.70
Baltimore	1.80
Philadelphia	2.05
New York	2.85

Railroad Nears Completion.

The 35-mile extension which the Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio railroad is building from Dante, Va., to Elkhorn, Ky., is about 75 per cent. completed and the contractors expect to have it ready for operation next spring or summer.

Will Build the Plant.

The officials of the Steel Corporation say the Canadian plant will be erected, reports to the contrary notwithstanding.

Columbus Plant Closed.

The Carnegie Steel Company has closed down their plant at Columbus, O., throwing 900 men out of employment.

STORY OF BIG COAL SYNDICATE BROUGHT OUT IN A LAWSUIT

For Fourth Time J. S. Jones Wins Claims Against the Goulds.

KANAWHA SYNDICATE IS STAKE

Pittsburg & Lake Erie Will Get Big Holdings Without Costing an Extra Cent Over What It Has Paid, But Goulds Must Pay Heavily For It.

An interesting story of the formation of the Little Kanawha Syndicate, which owns 56,000 acres of coal near Fairmont, to be developed by the construction of the Buckhannon & Northern railroad, is brought out as a result of the suit by John S. Jones, president of the Jones & Adams Coal Company, who has, for a fourth time, been awarded a big verdict against the Gouldsr. Concerning the litigation and its history, Black Diamond says:

Mr. Jones came on the stage in relation to the Gould projects in the summer of 1902. He was then a prosperous mine owner, with properties in Illinois and a reputation in three states as an able coal operator. At that time Joseph Ramsey, Jr., then president of the Wabash, was general in charge of the field operations of the Goulds against that trinity of railroads—the Pennsylvania, the Baltimore & Ohio and the New York Central—which was averse to eastward progress of the Gould dream. Mr. Ramsey proposed that Mr. Jones pick up for the Goulds any good coal lands along the proposed route of their line through southern Ohio. At that time Zanesville was the eastern terminus of their properties.

These particular operations of the Goulds were carried on in the name of the Little Kanawha Syndicate. However, they had several syndicates in various parts of the country.

At that time, they already had under contract some 40,000 acres of Ohio coal land, but investigations developed the fact that these holdings were not gilt-edged. Mr. Jones, however, had better luck. He began acquiring coal land holdings until he had a line of nearly 18,000 acres. This land is located in Morgan, Perry and Muskingum counties, Ohio, and is about 12 miles long and two and one-half miles wide. The proposed railroad was to run right through the heart of it.

Then the Little Kanawha Syndicate started to build several stretches of road in Ohio. During this, about $809,000 was spent in grading, tunnels and building culverts, all of which are now going to waste. On December 31, 1903, orders came to stop all work and the Gould efforts rested.

About this time, Mr. Ramsey suggested to Mr. Jones that it would be acceptable if he and some of his friends should be able to finance the Ohio coal proposition and carry it for a year or 18 months. Mr. Jones then formed the National Hocking Coal Company, with himself as president and principal stockholder.

This was simply a holding company and was never intended to operate the properties. One delay after another developed, and finally it became apparent that the Gould transcontinental dream was not to be realized. Entrance to Pittsburg had cost to much. A species of benevolent assimilation was then arranged for such portions of the dream as the Pennsylvania, the Baltimore & Ohio and the Vanderbilt interests thought worth taking over.

The Pittsburg & Lake Erie was the medium selected for absorbing the Little Kanawha Syndicate. The property was to be turned over on an agreed rating at an outside price not to exceed $8,500,000. In the property turned over was the famous Gaffey tract of 56,000 acres near Fairmont, W. Va. This sale was in 1905.

But when the Pittsburg & Lake Erie took over the Little Kanawha Syndicate, the Jones purchases in Ohio were not included. Mr. Jones had asked for an accounting or settlement on various occasions but had been put off on one pretext or another. He had conferences with the Goulds and with Mr. Ramsey, but talk and not money was the result.

Finally in 1906, suit was instituted. Four times now, the case has been fought through the highest court in New York and each time Jones has won. The first verdict was for $480,000; the second for $550,000; the third for $600,000 and the last, rendered this week, for $610,000.

It develops that the Little Kanawha Syndicate sold to the Pittsburg & Lake Erie all and singular, its holdings, rights, leases, claims and property of any and all kinds. Because of this, the courts have held that the Goulds, who were the syndicate, must take over and pay for the Ohio coal lands, then the Pittsburg & Lake Erie, as the legal heir and assign of that syndicate comes into immediate possession of this property.

Jones would not have sustained serious loss if the court had held against him, as he would then have had the coal lands in fee simple and might dispose of them as he saw fit. As the court decisions stands, the Goulds are compelled to buy the property at a handsome price and then give them away to the Pittsburg & Lake Erie.

Because the court's decision gives him interest for all these years, the amount which he will receive is approximately $700,000.

LONG IN SERVICE

High Average is Shown in Records of Baltimore & Ohio.

Interesting figures have been compiled by the Baltimore & Ohio showing the length of service of its employes. The average total service of locomotive engineers is 17 years and five months, the average age of the engineers being 41 years and three months.

Firemen are in the service of the road four and a half years, while their average age is 28 years and 11 months. The average length of service of the conductors is 18 years and six months, while their average age is 43 years and five months. Brakemen have been in the service of the road an average of six years and three months and their average age is 31 years and two months.

The figures show that the average length of service of the Baltimore & Ohio trainmen is greater than that of men in many callings.

COUNTY GETS TITLE

Now Has Deed for the Entire Mount Braddock Farm.

Fayette county now has title to the entire Mount Braddock farm of about 600 acres. the deed from the heirs of the late W. J. Rainey for their third tract of the tract having been filed Tuesday in the court house in Uniontown by Thomas H. Hudson, solicitor for the county.

Two-thirds of the farm was conveyed by the H. C. Frick Coke Company about two years ago. The deeds specify that the land shall be used for county buildings. The deed is from Roy A. Rainey, Grace Rainey Rogers and Paul J. Rainey, and was first drawn by Attorney R. F. Hopwood, former solicitor for Fayette county but was never executed on account of Paul Rainey being in Africa on his big hunt.

RECORD DIVIDEND.

Penney Mails Checks to 85,865 Holders of Stock.

The Pennsylvania railroad has mailed dividend checks to 86,865 shareholders, the largest number to which a dividend has ever been paid. Of those who received checks, 41,774, more than 48 per cent were women. There are 5,925 more women holders of Pennsylvania railroad stock today than there were a year ago.

There are 9,877,626 shares of stock outstanding. The average number of shares held by one stockholder is 114 a decrease of six shares per average holder in the past nine months.

Will Soon Open Mines.

The Loyalhanna Coal & Coke Company and the the Berwind-White Coal Mining Company expect to be able to ship coal from new mines being opened near Cairnbrook, in the Reitz field of Somerset county, early in January as a result of the completion of the 12-miles extension of the Windber branch of the Pennsylvania railroad.

Big Coal Shipments.

The total amount of coal shipped through Lock No. 4 on the Monongahela river to November 1, was 169,984,000 bushels, the largest figures since 1904, when the total quantity for 10 months was 171,143,000 bushels.

Steel Rail Production.

The production of all kinds of steel rails in the United States in 1912 was 5,327,915 tons.

LIST OF COKE OVENS IN

The Connellsville District

With Their Owners, Address and Ovens in Blast Corrected to Saturday, Nov. 29, 1913.

Total Ovens.	In Blast.	Name of Works.	Name of Operators.	P. O. Address.
200	178	Acme	W. J. Rainey	New York, N. Y.
10	....	Acme	Penn Coke Co.	Uniontown
150	150	Adelaide	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
356	186	Alverton	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
297	270	Bangorkey	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
282	122	Beatty	Mt. Pleasant Coke Co.	Greensburg
50	....	Bethany	Majestic Coke Co	Uniontown
200	200	Bitner	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
120	80	Boyce	Mt. Pleasant Coke Co.	Greensburg
240	175	Brinkerton	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
200	100	Buckeye	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
30	....	Brush Run	Brush Run Coke Company	Mt. Pleasant
350	175	Calumet	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
22	....	Carolyn	Peerless-Connellsville Coke Co.	Pittsburg
303	250	Central	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
64	....	Chester	Sunshine Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
150	140	Clara	Clare Coke Co.	Greensburg
120	60	Coalbrook	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
400	350	Collier	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
400	340	Continental No. 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
300	280	Continental No. 2	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
300	290	Continental No. 3	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
170	100	Cromland	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
282	240	Davidson	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
48	28	Dexter	Connellsville Coke Co.	Connellsville
236	150	Dorothy	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
60	....	Dorothy	Wheel Coke Co.	Uniontown
50	....	Ellen No. 1	Wheel Coke Co.	Uniontown
100	....	Ellen No. 2	Unity-Connellsville Coke Co.	Greensburg
218	100	Elizabeth	W. J. Rainey	New York, N. Y.
136	184	Elm Grove	W. J. Rainey	New York, N. Y.
101	61	Fork Hill	Gilmore Coke Co.	Uniontown
124	....	Gilmore	W. J. Rainey	New York, N. Y.
272	90	Grace	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
300	220	Hecla No. 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
299	200	Hecla No. 2	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
120	258	Hecla No. 3	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
355	....	Henry Clay	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
168	220	Hostetter	Hostetter-Connellsville Coke Co.	Pittsburg
280	100	Humphrey	Benwood Coke Co.	Pittsburg
20	220	Jumbo	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
22	....	Junction	Marietta-Garber Coal & Coke Co.	Connellsville
306	190	Kyle	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
438	380	Leisenring No. 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
496	260	Leisenring No. 2	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
502	360	Leisenring No. 3	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
304	255	Leith	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
227	200	Lemont No. 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
350	250	Lemont No. 2	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
20	....	Little Sunshine	King Coke Co.	Uniontown
22	....	Love	C'ville-Mutual Coal & Coke Co.	Scottdale
40	....	Maria	Maria Coke Co.	Uniontown
84	56	Mahoning	Mahoning Coal & Coke Co.	Dunbar
510	390	Mammoth	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
460	300	Marguerite	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
360	160	Morgan	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
360	214	Mt. Braddock	W. J. Rainey	New York, N. Y.
910	910	Mt. Pleasant	Mt. Pleasant Coke Co.	Greensburg, Pa.
196	135	Mutual	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
52	52	Myers	Brownfield-C'ville Coke Co.	Uniontown
350	130	Nellie	Brown & Cochran	Dawson
282	200	Oliphant	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
228	228	Oliver No. 1	Oliver & Snyder Steel Co.	Pittsburg
450	348	Oliver No. 2	Oliver & Snyder Steel Co.	Pittsburg
300	300	Oliver No. 3	Oliver & Snyder Steel Co.	Pittsburg
221	80	Painter	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
200	145	Paul	W. J. Rainey	New York, N. Y.
50	18	Pennsville	Pennsville Coke Co.	Pittsburg
15	....	Percy	Marietta & Stillwagon	Fennsville
400	350	Phillips	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Percy
86	....	Rainey	W. J. Rainey	Pittsburg
446	260	Redstone	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	New York, N. Y.
556	370	Revere	W. J. Rainey	Pittsburg
98	76	Sapper	Shannon Coal & Coke Co.	New York, N. Y.
110	110	Semet-Solvay	Dunbar Furnace Co.	Uniontown
62	....	Shannon	Shannon Coal & Coke Co.	Dunbar
36	....	Silvey	South Fayette Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
448	316	Shaw	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Uniontown
525	360	Southwest No. 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
520	100	Southwest No. 2	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
206	160	Southwest No. 3	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
61	....	Spring Grove	Cochran Bros.	Pittsburg
200	150	Standard	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Dawson
186	120	Stewart	Stewart Iron Co.	Pittsburg
185	....	Stonecoal	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
40	....	Thomas	Wheel Coke Co.	Pittsburg
464	360	Trotter	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Uniontown
50	50	Union	W. J. Rainey	Pittsburg
350	275	Unnamed	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	New York, N. Y.
245	100	Valley	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
80	80	Veteran	Mt. Pleasant Coke Co.	Pittsburg
67	54	West Penn	West Penn Coke Co.	Greensburg
150	50	White	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Uniontown
352	320	Whitney	Hostetter-Connellsville Coke Co.	Pittsburg
300	200	Wynn	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
500	376	Yorkrun	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
241	181	Youngstown	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg

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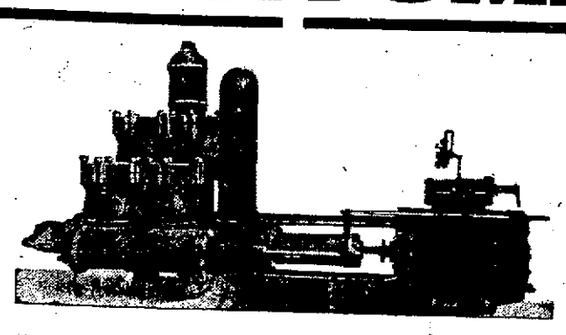

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DEATH RATE SHOWS A DECREASE IN THE MINING INDUSTRY

Work of the Bureau of Mines for Greater Safety is Succeeding.

INTERESTING DATA PRESENTED

Statistics on Coal Mining Accidents in the United States and Foreign Countries Brings Out Illuminating Comparisons; Safety Work Gains.

The lack of comparable and accurate statistics of coal mine accidents in the United States has led the Bureau of Mines to collect such data, and the results of these investigations have been compiled by F. W. Horton, in Bulletin No. 69, entitled "Coal Mine Accidents in the United States and Foreign Countries," which has just been issued. This report shows that during 1912, 2,380 men were killed in the coal mines in the United States as compared with 2,719 in 1911, and that the fatality rate was lowered from 3.72 in 1911 to 3.15 per 1,000 men employed in 1912. The report contains statistical information concerning the production, the number of men employed and the number of men killed in each state since 1896. From 1896 to 1907 the number of men killed per 1,000 employed gradually increased with only slight fluctuation; the number killed per 1,000,000 short tons also increased, but the rate fluctuated over a wider range.

During the 12-year period through 1907, the increase in the death rate was accompanied by an enormous increase in the production of coal. In 1896 the output was 193,886,000 tons, and in 1907 it was 450,363,000 tons, an increase of over 150 per cent. In 1896 each man employed produced 1.84 tons per day, whereas in 1907 the daily production of each man was 2.06 tons, an increase of 16 per cent. Since 1907 there has been a marked decrease in the number of fatalities at the coal mines.

The general improvement has been brought about by a combination of causes, the principal one of which has been more efficient and effective mine inspection on the part of the state mining departments and the state mine inspectors throughout the country, supplemented by greater care on the part of both operators and the miners. The investigative and educational work of the Bureau of Mines has kept both the operator and the miner alive to the various dangers connected with coal mining, and has shown what precautions should be taken to avoid these dangers. As a result of these educational features, mining companies are organizing safety committees, providing emergency hospitals, training men in first aid and rescue work, so that in case of a disaster they are equipped to cope with any ordinary accident.

The fatality rates in a number of foreign countries covering a period of ten years, 1901 to 1910 inclusive, are as follows:

Great Britain, 1.36 per 1,000 men employed; Germany, 2.11; France, 1.89; Belgium, 1.02; Japan, 2.92; Austria, 1.04; India, 0.95; New South Wales, 1.74; Nova Scotia, 2.65; while the rate for the United States was 3.74. The low fatality rates in the foreign countries may be accounted for largely by reason of the fact that coal mine inspection has been in operation much longer than in the United States. In Great Britain the coal mine accident statistics have been collected, published and studied since 1851. France, 1853; Austria, 1875; Germany, 1852; and Belgium, 1831. A chronological list of the more disastrous coal mine accidents in the United States shows that 275 accidents have occurred since 1839, in which five or more were killed at one time, representing a total of 6,777 fatalities. Of these accidents there were 135 that killed from five to nine each, a total of 559, eighty-two that killed from ten to 24 men each, a total of 1,227; 24 that killed from 25 to 49 men each, a total of 870; 18 that killed from 50 to 99 men each, a total of 1,221; 11 that killed from 100 to 199 men each, a total of 1,634; three that killed from 200 to 299 men each, a total of 695, and one that killed 361 men.

Of these larger disasters gas and coal dust explosions caused 183 accidents and 5,111 deaths, or over three-fourths of the total number of men killed. The next greatest number of deaths were from mine fires, which caused the loss of 1,032 lives, or over 15 per cent of the total number killed, by 3 separate accidents. It may thus be seen that accidents from gas and coal dust explosions and mine fires account for more than 90 per cent of the total number of men killed in these large accidents, although falls of roof, pillars and wall claim nearly 50 per cent of the total fatalities.

FOREIGNERS LEAVING

Seventy Depart Sunday Night; Going Home for Christmas.

The annual exodus of foreigners from the coke region to spend Christmas at their old homes in Europe is now at its height. Every day sees small parties of men and women board the trains for eastern seaports, there to embark on steamships for the "old country." The largest party so far this year left over the Baltimore & Ohio railroad on Sunday evening on No. 12. Seventy tickets for New York were sold to foreigners for this train and the platform was crowded to its fullest capacity for a half hour before train time.

A special trainload of Scandinavian people from beyond Chicago, all bound for their homes in Norway and Sweden for Christmas, is scheduled to pass through here some time this afternoon.

Have You Coal Land for Sale?
If you have advertise it in The Weekly Courier.

STATE OWNS COKE PLANT

Tennessee is Developing Its Holdings of 14,000 Acres.

An interesting description of Tennessee's state-owned coke plant is given by Coal Age. The state owns 14,000 acres of coal in the Brushy Mountain field, which is developing. Convict labor is used to some extent.

The state of Tennessee constructed its mining plant in the Crooked Fork valley. In 1896 one hundred coke ovens were constructed on the property at Petros. The ovens are of the ordinary beehive type, 12x7 feet, and are built on a 1.5 per cent. grade to expedite the charging which is done by means of rope haulage.

Some years later 40 additional ovens were constructed in a parallel bank. These latter are 11x8 feet, and are what is known as the Rockwood type which embodies something unique in door construction. The brickwork of the ordinary beehive oven is supplemented by a matted cast iron arch, together with seven cut arch stones and two skew backs. There is also a change in the main door casting, the top being made at the proper angle to receive the crown brick.

The eight heavy jambs in the old type oven are replaced by 20 small ones which conform with the radial lines of the oven, and the thickness of the ringwall brick. The construction of the retaining wall permits the coke puller to get closer to the oven so that shorter tools can be used. The sloping hearth in this type of oven prevents breakage although it makes it hotter for the coke puller.

The coke made from the Brushy Mountain seam has a bright metallic lustre and is quiet firm when freshly drawn from the oven; when mixed with a purer coke it makes a first-class furnace fuel.

RECENT PATENTS.

Of Special Interest to the Coal and Coke Trade.

The following recently granted patents of interest to the coal and coke trade are reported expressly for The Weekly Courier by W. G. Doolittle, Patent Attorney, Park Building, Pittsburg, Pa., from whom copies may be procured for 15 cents each:

Coke quenching and conveying apparatus, Alfred Brunner, Leipzig-Eutritzsch, and Wilhelm Schendeling, Leipzig-Gohlis, Germany, assignors to Adolf Bleichert & Company, No. 1,077,255.

Mining machine, Edward McGowan, Mulberry, Kansas, No. 1,077,418.

Bit for mining machines, Justus J. Moore, Springfield, Ill., assignor of one-fourth to Harry Thomas, Harrisburg, Ill., one-fourth to W. A. Brewerton, Chicago, Ill., and one-fourth to W. B. May, Clarksburg, West Virginia, No. 1,077,542.

Coal separator, Guy H. Elmore, Joplin, Missouri, No. 1,077,876.

Cutting bit for chains of mining machines, Charels N. Barton, Harrisburg, Ill., assignor of one-half to James B. Blackman, Harrisburg, Ill., No. 1,078,082.

Mine pump, Lewis Chadwick, Nelsonville, O., No. 1,078,126.

Mine shovel, John C. Cartmill, Lead, South Dakota, No. 1,078,255.

Mine shot firing system, Grant I. Rawson, St. Louis, Mo., No. 1,078,463.

PREDICTS USE OF GAS

British Expert Believes Raw Coal for Fuel is Wasteful.

At a recent congress of manufacturers in England, Prof. W. A. Bone read a paper on "The Industrial Uses of Coal Gas," in which it was declared that it has long been realized by scientific technologists that the direct use of raw coal as an industrial fuel is a dirty, unhealthy and wasteful practice which ought to be abolished; but it has taken years of education to convince manufacturers and the public of the great and varied economies which result from the substitution of gaseous fuel for coal.

In considering the place of coal gas in the industrial field it should be recognized, he said, that its chief usefulness will be more in the direction of supplying the manifold wants of innumerable but small consumers than in meeting the requirements of large establishments, whom it will probably always pay to generate their own gaseous fuel.

Professor Bone said the experience of the past 20 years in connection with the development of gaseous fuel of all kinds enables us to predict with considerable confidence the approach of a time when gas of one sort or another will have practically ousted raw coal in most industrial operations.

WILL RECLAIM COAL.

Experts Believe They Will Get Million Tons From Waste.

Fifty years ago in the days of primitive and extravagant mining there was an enormous deposit of slate and sizes of coal which were not marketable piled up at the Short Mountain colliery, near Lykens, Pa. This formed a bank estimated to contain nearly 7,000,000 cubic feet of material.

Mining engineers have calculated that the bank contains a million tons of marketable steam sizes of anthracite coal. Machinery is being installed to reclaim this coal. The washery will be kept busy for years reducing the pile.

Pittsburg Capital Interested.

Several thousand acres of coal privileges in the Lisman, Corinth and Nebo sections of Kentucky have been sold to Pittsburg capitalists. W. L. Baker of the Corluth country secured options on the property some time ago. Pittsburg syndicate will open the mines.

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40	.....	Adah	Adah Coke Company	Uniontown
400	400	Alice	W. Harry Brown	South Brownsville
200	200	Allison No. 1	W. J. Rainey	New York
40	40	Anjea	The Wilkey & Feather Coke Co.	Uniontown
120	.....	Atchison	Republic Iron & Steel Co.	Gans
20	.....	Baxter Ridge	Baxter Ridge Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
42	.....	Bellevernon	Bellevernon Coal Coal Co.	Pittsburg
100	100	Bridgeport	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
470	470	Brier Hill	Brier Hill Coke Co	Brier Hill
20	20	Browning	Browning Coke Co	Uniontown
34	34	Brownsville	Brownsville Coke Co	Uniontown
360	360	Buffington	H. C. Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
34	28	Burchinal	Smithfield Coal & Coke Co.	Smithfield
132	132	Century	Century Coke Co.	Brownsville
90	.....	Champion	Champion Connellsville Coke Co.	Uniontown
24	.....	Coffman	South Fayette Coke Co.	Uniontown
280	280	Colonial No. 1	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
156	156	Colonial No 3	H C Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
250	250	Colonial No. 4	H C Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
80	.....	Cyrilla	Sunshine Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
120	120	Crystal	United Connellsville Coke Co.	Pittsburg
225	225	Dearth	H C Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
402	402	Donald Nos. 1 & 2	Consolidated Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
132	32	Donald No. 3	Consolidated Coals Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
40	40	Dunn	The Butler Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
300	300	Edenborn	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
149	149	Edna	Waltzburg Coke Co	Pittsburg
.....	.....	Eleanor	Sunshine Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
32	.....	Emory	South Fayette Coke Co	Uniontown
200	200	Fairbank	Struthers Coal & Coke Co.	Fairbank
82	.....	Fenley	Jas. Byrne & Co.	Uniontown
400	340	Footedale	H C Frick Coke Co	Scottdale
220	120	Frances No. 1	Sunshine Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
60	.....	Francis No. 2	Sunshine Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
80	66	Fretts	South Fayette Coke Co	Unontown
119	119	Garwood	Elm-Connellsville Coke Co.	Connellsville
58	46	Genuine	Genuine Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
400	340	Griffin Nos. 1 & 2	Bessmer Coke Co	Pittsburg
310	210	Herbert	Connellsville Central Coke Co	Pittsburg
45	.....	Hillside	Westmoreland Gas Coal Co.	Pittsburg
62	.....	Hilltop	Sunshine Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
74	52	Hoover	James H. Hoover	McClellandtown
88	88	Hope	Hope Coke Co.	Uniontown
300	300	Horsford	Rustead-Semans Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
260	116	Isabella	Isabella Connellsville Coke Co.	Pittsburg
140	125	Katherine	Union Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
200	200	LaBelle	Labelle Coke Co	Labelle
220	220	Lafayette	Atlas Coke Co.	Elco
350	350	Lambert	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
616	308	Leckrone	H C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
30	.....	Leon	Franklin Coke Co	Uniontown
400	400	Lincoln	Lincoln Coal & Coke Co	Scottdale
250	250	Low Phos.	Connellsville Central Coke Co.	Pittsburg
34	.....	Luzerne	Luzerne Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburg
54	54	Marion	Southern Connellsville Coke Co.	Unionhown
244	244	Martin	Republic Iron & Steel Co.	Youngstown, O.
28	.....	McKeefrey	McKeefrey Coal Co.	Leetonia, Ohio
257	.....	Millsboro	Bessemer Coke Co	Pittsburg
150	150	Mt. Hope	Mt. Hope Coke Co.	Unionhown
80	60	Murphy	Echard Coal & Coke Co.	Connellsville
30	.....	Newcomer	Newcomer Coke Co.	Uniontown
100	100	Old Home	W. J. Parshall	Uniontown
480	300	Orient	Orient Coke Co	Uniontown
34	34	Parshall No. 1	Puritan Coke Co.	Uniontown
166	166	Parshall No. 2	Puritan Coke Co.	Uniontown
30	.....	Perry	Perry Coke Co.	Pittsburg
72	46	Plumer	Plumer Coke Co	Uniontown
101	101	Poland	Poland Coal Co	Pittsburg
400	400	Republic	Republic Iron & Steel Co.	Uniontown
120	86	Rich Hill	Rich Hill Coal & Coke Co.	Ostrop
350	350	Ronco	H. C. Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
86	.....	Rose	Sunshine Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
372	284	Royal	W. J. Rainey	New York, N. Y.
30	.....	Sackett	H. R. Sackett Coal & Coke Co	Smithfield
378	378	Sewickley	Taylor Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
206	176	Shamrock	Fayette Coke Co.	Uniontown
100	70	Siden	Prospect Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
310	310	Sterling	Consolidated Coals Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
400	350	Thompson No. 1	Thompson-Connellsville Coke Co	Pittsburg
400	.....	Thompson No. 2	Thompson-Connellsville Coke Co	Pittsburg
300	288	Tower Hill No. 1	Tower Hill Connellsville Coke Co.	Uniontown
300	300	Tower Hill No. 2	Tower Hill Connellsville Coke Co.	Uniontown
288	288	Washington No. 1	Washington Coal & Coke Co	Dawson
600	300	Washington No. 2	Washington Coal & Coke Co	Dawson
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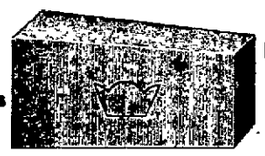
Bee Hive and Long Ovens  Bi-Product Ovens
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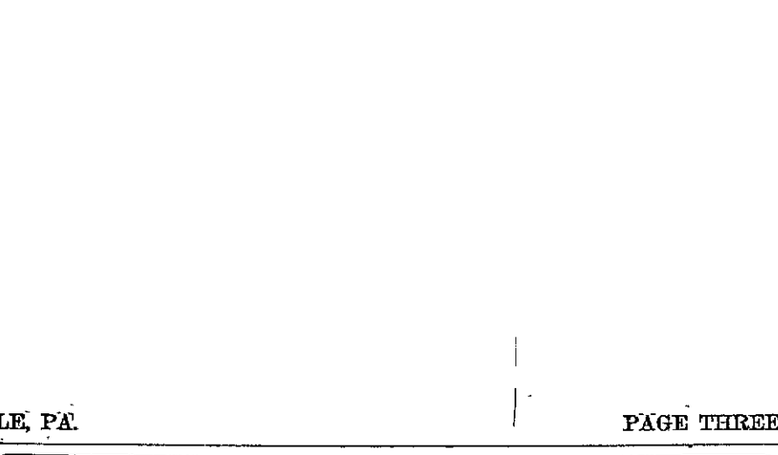
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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

President Wilson's message to the Congress has the merit of his former messages read from the throne, namely, that of brevity. For detailed information as to "the state of the union," the President naively refers the Congressmen to the reports of the departments for detailed information, which he intimates it is the duty of each member to faithfully read and inwardly digest.

The Currency question is the headliner of the message. The President demands such legislation in the interest of all classes, but particularly of the farmer, who, he intimates, has never had a fair deal. The country is full of individual cases of oppression by the money-lender, but it may be fairly stated that the financial interests of the country have taken just as good care of the farmers and the crop movements as they have of any other interest, industrial or otherwise. President Wilson's object is a good one. He wants to make the currency elastic and sufficient to serve all the demands of business. The bankers and the borrowing interest seek the same happy condition. There is no room for quarrel as to the destination. The difference of opinion seems to lie in the proper road to take. Many bankers think President Wilson's road leads into the wilderness, or at least back among the sage brush.

The Mexican question is given some attention and the verdict must be assuring to Dictator Huerta. It amounts in effect to a statement that there's no use shooting at a dead man.

President Wilson outlines a further program which if faithfully followed will keep the Democratic statesmen busy for many months to come and earn for them the reputation of being the busiest representatives of the people who ever drew salaries at Washington.

THE RULE OF IGNORANCE.

When the great iron and steel industries of the country are at the mercy of tinkering Democratic statesmen whose ignorance of the business is painfully apparent, is it any wonder the industry halts and waits to see its way out?

A Coatesville manufacturer, writing not for publication, gives the following apt illustration of this lamentable lack of information on the part of those who, not content to remove the protective tariff from American industry, seek to harrass and destroy its larger units wherein the hope of effective competition against foreign trade lies:

"Yesterday we had Senator Poindexter, from Spokane, Wash., who stood up for an hour and three-quarters telling up what rascals the successful manufacturers of this country are, because they had caught the American Sugar Refining Company trying to cheat the Government.

"He also told what rascals the steel manufacturers were because they work their men to death 12 hours a day. At this very time our steel mills here are running to about 50 to 60 per cent capacity, and the 'ground-down workingmen' would be delighted if the bosses were in shape to work them 12 hours a day every day, instead of only every other day. And when he was talking about being 'worked to death,' the men before him were laughing in their sleeves, because, as every one knows, in an open-hearth steel plant there is no 12-hour hard labor, but for the most of the time the men sit on a bench, smoking their pipes, waiting for the heat to come to proper condition for tapping, while electrical charging machinery and other devices do all the hard work."

In spite of all this, there has been an earnest effort in the larger mills to arrange the shifts in such a manner as to make the work-day uniform at 8 hours, though from the nature of the business this is difficult if not impossible.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

The Sealer of Weights and Measures, long regarded as of no more utility than than a fifth wheel to a wagon, and consequently long lost to the official family of most portions of Pennsylvania, has been prompt to demonstrate his utility since he came back to power and duty.

It has been discovered that he is a very important factor in the high cost of living. The last report of the Sealer of Weights and Measures for Fayette county shows that 250 out of 1,400 scales examined were condemned, and that only 320 out of 1,400 dry measures received the stamp of official approval. Practically all of these weights and measures were operating against the purchaser, who in most cases was the consumer.

Connellsville is entitled to a Sealer of Weights and Measures, but the Council should avoid creating a cloud of petty offices when it may be avoided. If, as has been suggested, it can be arranged that the county official having this work in charge can continue to serve Connellsville, that arrangement had better be made.

Colonel Ed Fulton complains to the Public Service Commission that the trolley fare from Uniontown to Brownsville is a contributing cause to the high cost of living in the Connellsville coke region. Sounds like a Socialistic stump speech. Colonel Fulton was for many years a Democrat, but that party absorbed so many new and startling political theories that he finally broke away from it and cast his fortunes with the more conservative Socialist party.

The White House has settled down to the serious business of life.

CITY CONTROLLER.

The first attempt of Connellsville to put the Clark third class city law into practical operation has demonstrated the fact that as a matter of legislation it is wonderfully crude and incomplete, and that portions of it are most unwise if not actually vicious in their application.

The Courier has opposed Commission Government on the ground that its virtue depends wholly upon the virtue of its administrators, and that in the hands of bad men it is a power for evil such as the country never knew in the palmiest days of bossism.

It was represented during the pendency of the bill in the Legislature that the office of Controller would be retained in all its pristine strength as a coördinate branch of city government, that is to say that the Controller would remain a check against the expenditures of the Council, with the power to stop the payment of any bill which in his opinion was unlawfully contracted. The old law set forth his duties fully and showed him to be a very important part of the city government. We quote it in full:

CITY CONTROLLER.

The qualified electors of each of said cities of the third class shall elect at the municipal a city controller, who shall possess the qualifications herein prescribed for the city treasurer, and shall serve for the term of three years, and until his successor is duly elected and qualified. He shall superintend the fiscal concerns of the city and shall manage the same in the manner required by the laws of this State and the ordinances and resolutions of the city councils in accordance therewith. He shall examine, audit and settle all accounts whatsoever in which the city is concerned, either as debtor or creditor, where provision for the settlement thereof is made by law, and where no such provision or an insufficient provision has been made, he shall examine such accounts and report to the city councils the facts relating thereto, with his opinion thereon. He shall have authority to administer oaths or affirmations in relation to any matter touching the authentication of every account with or claim or demand against the city, but shall not be entitled to receive any fee therefor.

The city controller shall keep a regular set of books, in which shall be opened and kept as many accounts under appropriate titles as may be necessary to show separately and distinctly all the estates and property whatsoever, real and personal, vested in the city, all trust in the care of the same, all debts due to and owing by the city, all the receipts and expenditures of the various departments of the city government and all appropriations made by councils, and the sums under the same respectively.

He shall have the supervision and control of the accounts of all departments, bureaus and officers of the city who shall collect, receive or disburse the public moneys, or who are charged with the management or custody thereof, shall audit their respective accounts, and may at any time require from any or all of them a statement in writing of any or all moneys or property of the city in their hands, or under their control; and he shall, immediately upon the discovery of any default, irregularity or delinquency, report the same to the city councils. He shall likewise audit and report upon the accounts of any such officer upon the death, resignation, removal or expiration of the term of said officer.

He shall countersign all warrants upon the city treasurer, the form whereof shall be prescribed by councils, and shall not suffer any appropriations made by the city councils to be overdrawn; but no warrant shall be countersigned unless there is money in the treasury to pay the same. In every case in which an appropriation shall be exhausted and the object of which is not completed, he shall immediately report the fact to the city councils, and accompany such report with a statement of the moneys which have been drawn on such appropriation and the particular purpose for which they were drawn. Whenever a warrant on the treasurer shall be presented to him to be countersigned, the person presenting the same shall, if the controller require, produce evidence:

1. That the amount expressed in the warrant is due to the person in whose favor it is drawn.

2. That the supplies or the services for the payment, of which the warrant is drawn have been furnished or performed according to law and the terms of the contract.

Every contract involving an appropriation of money shall designate the time of appropriation on which it is founded, and the estimated amount of the expenditure thereunder shall be charged against such item and so certified by the controller on the contract before it shall take effect as a contract, and the payments required by such contract shall be made from the fund appropriated therefor. If the controller shall certify any contract in excess of the appropriation made therefor, the city shall not be liable for such excess, but the controller and his sureties shall be liable for the same; which may be recovered in an action at law by the contracting party aggrieved. It shall be the duty of the controller to certify contracts for the payment of which sufficient appropriations have been made.

The city controller shall, from time to time, and as often as he may deem expedient or the city councils shall direct, suggest plans to the councils for the management and improvement of the city finances and he shall make a report, verified by oath or affirmation, to the city councils at a stated meeting in January in each year, of the public accounts of the city and of the trusts in its care, exhibiting all the expenditures thereof respectively, the sources from which the revenues and funds are derived and in what manner the same have been disbursed; each account to be accompanied by a statement in detail of the several appropriations made by councils, the amount drawn on each appropriation and the balance standing to the debit or credit of such appropriation.

The term of office of city controllers in cities of the third class . . . . shall begin on the first Monday of April next ensuing their election, and continue for the period now fixed by existing laws.

Any vacancy in the office of city controller shall be filled by the vote of a majority of members elected to councils, in joint convention, and the person so chosen to fill the same shall serve until the first Monday of April succeeding the municipal election occurring at least one month after the happening of such vacancy, at which election a sucessor shall be elected for the unexpired term. The city controller shall give a lawful bond to the city, with two or more sufficient sureties (to) be approved by councils, in such sum as they may by ordinance direct, conditioned for the faithful discharge of his official duties, and shall receive a fixed annual salary to be provided by ordinance.

Under the Clark law the powers and duties of the Controller are defined as follows:

The Controller shall examine, audit and settle all accounts whatsoever in which the city is concerned, either as debtor or creditor, where provision for the settlemnt thereof is made by law; and where no such provision or insufficient provision has been made he shall examine such accounts and report to the Council the facts relating thereto. He shall have authority to administer oaths or affirmations in relation to any matter touching the authenticity of every account with, or claim or demand against, the city, but shall not be entitled to receive any fee therefor.

The Controller shall receive such compensation as may be prescribed by Council.

The framers of the Clark bill certainly did everlastingly muzzle the Watch Dog of the Treasury. He is made a mere auditing committee. His chief duty is to see that the bills are added up correctly. His name is no longer necessary on city warrants. He is reduced to the rank of clerk.

We are advised that Abraham Overholt Bixler, the Contoller-elect, resigned his office this morning, to become Clerk to the Council and various other things. This brings up another interesting question concerning the interpretation of the Clark law. It will be noted that this law makes absolutely no provisions for filling a vacancy in the office of Controller. The framers of the bill thought so little of the Controller that they forgot to provide a means of filling the office in case the incumbent either figuratively or literally died on the job. Perhaps they thought it didn't make any difference.

But the city government will not be complete without a Controller, however insignificant a cog he is in the machinery, and the vacancy will either have to be filled under the old law by appointment of Council, or under the usual custom of filling vacancies in elective offices where no power of appointment seems to exist. As it will be two years before we have another city election it would be reasonable to conclude, if it is determined that the vacancy cannot be filled by appointment under the old law, that, following the precedent of the Clark act in the case of Councilmen, a special election should be called by Council to fill the vacancy.

Modern city government is fearfully and wonderfully made, but we have the consolation of feeling that its administration in Connellsville is in the hands of intelligent and honest citizens.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING.

A great deal has been written about doing Christmas shopping early, and the advice is good, but it is not everybody who can follow the injunction, for various sufficient reasons. There is also another side to the proposition. The early shopper may be too early, just as the late shopper may be too late.

But the immediate present is a good time to do Christmas shopping, provided one has the cash or the credit. It is a little over three weeks until the holidays. The stores are packed with Christmas goods. Not many of these goods have been sold. There is large room for selection. It looks like the psehycological moment.

There is a physical side to it worth considering. State Health Commissioner Dixon says: "The great bulk of Christmas shopping is done by women, and if they realize the enormous saving of nervous energy which would result from shopping early, early in the holiday season and early in the day, there would be less need for preachments on this important subject. The mind is in better condition in the morning to make the necessary decisions; one's judgment is naturally affected by one's physical condition."

The woman shopper should consider the women clerks in the stores as well as herself. Early shopping relieves the clerks of a large burden of overwork just prior to the holidays. Help one another. It makes everybody feel better.

The postal clerks also have a plea to make this year. The burden of Christmas delivery is heavier upon them now than ever before because of the operation of the Parcel Post. Even the postal authorities look upon the matter with apprehension.

Every effort will be made to handle the Christmas parcels, but many offices are likely to be swamped, and the wise bestower will mail his or her Christmas gifts early, attaching the more or less ornate sticker, or if necessary writing on the package the legend, "Not to be opened until Christmas." This assures prompt delivery and guards against the premature opening of the package.

Do it now.

Senator Penrose might as well quit. The Young Lochinvar from Braddock Sir Clyde Kelley, with the gory scalplock of John Dalzell at his belt, has made tentative announcement of his candidacy.

Abe Martin

It used t' be a common sight t' see a feller in ordinary circumstances greasin' his saiw with a bacon rind.

A house divided agin itself is bad enough, but a skirt is th' limit.

Some fellers go clean thro' life tryin' t' interest capital.

Nobuddy ever had a bunch o' all star relatives.

A bad cold wouldn' be so bad if it wuzn' fer th' innumorable remedies.

Ever' time Lafe Bud gives his wife a kind word she wonders what he's been doin'.

There's nobuddy as miserable as th' feller who thinks ever' dig he hears means him.

What's become o' th' feller who used t' have an uncle in th' country who gave him a turkey ever' Thanksgivin'?

Don't hate t' part with your salary. It won't go very fer.

It don't make no difference where you wear your heart if your liver is off th' job.

Nothin' makes a ugly feller as mad as t' have somebuddy shake hands with him an' say: "I ought t' remember your face."

Some fellers don't let ther wives run nothin' but th' furnace.

AS TO GLASSES.

The one and only organ of Fayette county Democracy pure and undefiled may be repentant and regenerate, but it has not lost its happy faculty of getting its feet into things every now and then and making a sad mess of them.

Its outbursts on the Tariff are invariable attended by some such condition. It fails to appreciate the fact that the Tariff is not a good thing for Democratic newspapers in this section to talk about, especially if they attempt to prove to the public the manifold blessings of the Democratic near-Free Trade measure.

The last time The News referred to this matter it made the statement that our industries were running as full as ever, and that the country's prosperity was unchanged, this in the teeth of the fact that steel production had dropped to 60% of capacity and is still dropping.

In a rambling dissertation yesterday, our contemporary accuses us of having two kind of glasses, one pair of green goggles for contemplating Democratic endeavor and another pair of rose-hued spectacles for looking at Industrial life under Republican policy. Even that red-headed and impulsive old statesman, Patrick Henry, knew of no way of judging the future but by the past; but we are already adding the evidences of the present in confirmation of that judgment, and it does not require any kind of glasses to see it.

But the Republican party and the Republican press do not wish to gloat over a situation as unsatisfactory. They do not want to make matters any worse; they would make them better if they can. Their position is well expressed by our esteemed contemporary, the Latrobe Bulletin, which says:

"It is to the credit of the Republican press and of Protective Tariff advocates generally, that no great prominence is being accorded specific instances of industrial depression, which have been bobbing up, here and there, within the past few weeks. It is to their credit that for the most part they continue to repress their I-told-you-so, and to do what they can to maintain a spirit of optimism.

"Whether expressive of a deliance of a threatened Hanaan's fate, or of absolute necessity, it is a fact that there has been a slowing-down of industry, in various parts of the country. But it is not the time for reference to predictions made in the past. That may come later.

"Present duty calls for the maintenance of confidence and hope that with the conclusion of the process of readjustment now under way, and with the ending of uncertainty as to the currency and trust investigation, there'll come back to the country at large industrial activity of the most satisfactory kind; and that its return will be so speedy as to make the present slump of no great consequence."

What the Democratic organ needs is a pair of glasses that will see through prejudice and error and will reflect the white light of truth.

YOUNG BLOOD.

The Young Blood with whom it is proposed to entrust the destinies of the Chamber of Commerce has developed a canny caution. With the enthusiasm of youth it has imbibed some of that conservatism of age about which complaint seems to have been made in some quarters. Young Blood wants to know a number of things before it puts its hand on the plow. It wants to know where the association is at; and it desires the record of expenditure and effort set out plainly for its study and guidance. These requests are reasonable, and will no doubt be cheerfully complied with.

Young Blood will be given a fair chance for its energies, and if its activities turn up anything of value Conservatism will at least give them close scrutiny and such support as they may merit. It will be found in practise that a successful Chamber of Commerce is composed of both these elements. Activity develops industrial propositions and Conservatism appraises their value. Capital backs them according to the report of the appraisors.

Young Blood seems to have some Conservatism of its own. The combination is a good one.

Culebra is still trying to slip one over on Uncle Sam

MAY NOW BUY WATER PLANT.

Progressive but short-sighted citizens of Connellsville have from time to time advocated and urged the purchase of the Connellsville water plant. A few years ago, an Act of Assembly passed by Harrisburg statesmen who seemed not to have been very familiar with the Constitution gave boroughs and cities the right to buy such public improvements and to issue bonds against the property.

Connellsville citizens held a public meeting and decided to buy the water plant at once; but it was pointed out that the Constitution forbade the creation of any indebtedness exceeding seven per centum on the assessed valuation of the community for any purpose whatsoever, and without regard to any property acquired; and the matter was reluctantly dropped.

But the Constitution has been changed. It has just been discovered that Amendment 5 has emerged from the general wreck with a majority of 6,458 out of a vote of 403,668. This amendment is known as Section 15 of Article 9, and reads as follows:

No obligations which have been heretofore issued, or which may hereafter be issued, by any county or municipality, other than Philadelphia, to provide for the construction or acquisition of waterworks, subways, underground railways or street railways, or the appurtenances thereof, shall be considered as a debt of a municipality, within the meaning of section eight of article nine of the Constitution of Pennsylvania or of this amendment, if the net revenue derived from said property for a period of five years, either before or after the acquisition thereof, or where the same is constructed by the county or municipality, after the completion thereof, shall have been sufficient to pay interest and sinking fund charges during said period upon said obligations, or if the said obligations shall be secured by liens upon the respective properties and shall impose no municipal liability. Where municipalities or counties shall issue obligations to provide for the construction of property, as herein provided, said municipalities or counties may also issue obligations to provide for the interest and sinking fund charges accruing thereon until said properties shall have been completed and in operation for a period of one year; and said municipalities and counties shall not be required to levy a tax to pay said interest and sinking fund charges, as required by section ten of article nine of the Constitution of Pennsylvania, until after said properties shall have been operated by said counties or municipalities during said period of one year. Any of the said municipalities or counties may incur indebtedness in excess of seven per centum and not exceeding ten per centum of the assessed valuation of the taxable property therein. If said increase of indebtedness shall have been assented to by three-fifths of the electors voting at a public election, in such manner as shall be provided by law.

Under this amendment it is possible for Connellsville to buy the water plant and issue bonds in payment of the same. Under the above Constitutional Amendment such bonds will not count against the 7% limitation, which it may be remarked in passing seems to have been changed to 10%, provided "the net revenue derived from the property for a period of five years, either before or after the acquisition thereof, shall have been sufficient to pay interest and sinking fund charges" on the bond issue necessary to make the purchase.

The Courier is charged with being opposed to the purchase of the Connellsville water plant for several reasons, but as a matter of fact it has merely pointed out on the several occasions when the matter was agitated the obvious truth, that Connellsville was financially unable to make the purchase. It is prompt to acquaint the citizens with the fact that it now for the first time seems possible to make the purchase.

But it is still a question whether it is wise for Connellsville to buy the water plant. Other conditions have changed since the agitation for its purchase. A Public Service Commission has been established. It will begin business January 1. Its business will be to see that the rates for public service of all kinds are reasonable. If we have reasonable water rates, do we want to invest a large sum of money in a water plant, especially when we know by the experience of others that municipal water plants are poorly managed?

This is a question that should be carefully considered before Connellsville decides to buy the water works or any other public utility.

UNIONTOWN'S INTEREST.

The Uniontown people are watching Connellsville's experience with city government with great interest. They expect to assume that government two years hence. The Uniontown Herald says:

"Today the new commission form of government goes into effect in the third class cities of the state. Among those which will assume the new form of government and enter the ranks of the third class cities at the same time is Connellsville. Uniontown voters have decided upon making the experiment also, but it will be two years before the new form of government goes into effect here.

"While there are many excellent features in the new plan there are also many manifest defects. More will be discovered in the actual experience of execution. However, there is one gratifying feature about it; the system will get a thorough trying out before we shall have to submit to it and the next legislature meets in the meantime so that most of the defects may be cured before it is in effect here. In the meantime the operation of the new law in Connellsville will be of lively interest to the county seat."

The law is crude and unfinished, but perhaps the next Legislature will polish it off for Uniontown. It is not the city government Connellsville had in mind when her citizens voted to become a city, but we have fortunately elected a good Mayor and Council, and we anticipate good results. One of the most ironical features of the law is that of the Referendum. Propositions affecting the city may be voted upon by the people. The Legislature were tender to the people in this respect, but when it came to imposing a law upon them not of their seeking there was a notable absence of the Referendum.

Harrisburg sometimes gives cities the Ripper but never the Referendum.

A good railroad man has been swallowed up in politics by the appointment of Biddle Hornback to the internal revenue service.

TOM STEWART FOR GOVERNOR.

The latest and by no means the least attractive suggestion for the Republican nomination for Governor of Pennsylvania is the name of General Thomas J. Stewart, a veteran soldier, a stalwart Republican, an orator and a statesman. The suggestion of his nomination meets the hearty approval of Editor Herbert of the Greensburg Tribune, who says:

"Thomas J. Stewart, Adjutant General of Pennsylvania, is a big man among big men. He has been in the cabinet of Governors for an ordinary lifetime, and he has honored every administration with which he has been associated. General Stewart measures up with admirable accuracy to the importance of the governorship, and he would adorn that distinguished office as he has adorned his place at the head of the national guard of the state.

"General Stewart is a firm advocate of peace. Under proper conditions, however, he is also a champion of war; and when a mere boy, back in the early sixties, he distinguished himself while defending this nation in many of the fiercest battles of the late unpleasantness.

"Three cheers and a tiger for General Thomas J. Stewart for Governor of Pennsylvania. In the disturbed political conditions in the state it would be delightful to know of his being honored by the people so long and so sincerely honored by him."

Pennsylvania recently had a Governor Stuart who served her well, and in point of courage, character and ability there's little difference between "Ned" and "Tom."

Somerset county encourages spelling with cash prizes. There is too great a tendency in modern schools to neglect this necessary branch of English education. No matter how much higher education the pupil may have it will never be believed of him if he is slovenly in his writing, spelling and grammar.

There are over 2,000 daily newspapers in America, and the greatest of these is—now don't all speak at once, please.

The habit of holding teachers' institutes at holiday seasons will have to bow before the tendency of the times. If everybody is to have the holiday for rest and relaxation, including the pupils of the schools, there is no reason or justice in compelling the teachers to spend it in labor.

The appearance of the "extract drunk" indicates that another branch of our mercantile life needs drastic regulation.

The running down and injury of a boy by the backing out of an automobile from a Connellsville garage indicates that better provision will have to be made by the proprietors of these establishments against the repetition of such accidents. Where they are located on a much-traveled thoroughfare the danger is common to all passersby, young as well as old.

The Lake Erie is trying to get along without so much coke business.

Judge Gary is kept busy denying that individual Steel Corporation mills will shut down. Some of them have already shut down and others will doubtless close. For example, the South Connellsville tin plate mill has been shut down for a couple of years; and the Democratic administration didn't do it, either.

Some people never can find time to do their holiday shopping until the night before Christmas. Shop early signs mean nothing to them.

Two new postoffices have been established in Fayette county. This industry is one of the few which seems to flourish under Democratic administration.

In Pennsylvania it is getting harder to get married than to get divorced.

The Lackawanna railroad has demonstrated the possibility of a wireless news service for through passenger trains. It now remains for the railroads to demonstrate their enterprise by making it part of their through train attractions.

Most people will be relieved to know that the votes cast at the late election have finally been counted.

Connellsville region coke operators are seeking new fields to operate, and some of them have invested in Somerset county coal. The coal business is brisk just now, but it is not as dependable as the coke business, especially the business of the Connellsville field.

The late Charles Gates seems to be a very valuable citizen even after he is dead.

Zoological dances are what they call 'em in Clarksburg, West Virginia, and Clarksburg has the reputation of being a rapid town.

The moving pictures keep the people going.

The farmers' institutes are being held principally in this portion of Fayette county, indicating where the enterprising farmers farm.

The foreign exodus has begun. It never takes place when jobs are plenty.

Judge Umbel believes in the good, old-fashioned spanking system of settling children's quarrels instead of expensive lawsuits which the litigants can ill-afford. O, wise judge!

The Pennsylvania railroad has withdrawn passes hitherto issued to the families of employes. The company probably thinks it needs the money to help pay the late wage advances.

Vice President Marshall is once more johnny-on-the-spotlight.

The loose leaf system is as old as the Garden of Eden.

President Wilson is preparing to surrender to the Suffs. He is unfortunately without moral support in his household. If his daughters had been sons it might have been different.

Honorable Warren Worth Bailey is a specialist on taxes from the Single Tax to the Super Tax, hence it is not surprising to find him seriously proposing to support the United States navy from the proceeds of a special tax on incomes above $20,000 annually. Under beneficent Democratic progress, it is only a question of time until the poorer we are the better we will be off. That's when the editors will come in, by heck.

It must be a great disappointment to clever people who try to get away with the man who doesn't have it.

Everything the late Candidate Berkeley touched seems to have dwindled, including the Bull Moose movement.

There are more candidates for city offices after the election than before. This is one of the beauties of the centralized system.

The Democratic Tariff places coal and coke on the free list, but the fact is of little or no interest to the Connellsville coke region or the Pittsburg coal field. The only effect will be to let Nova Scotia coal into New England free of duty in freer competition with West Virginia coals.

Some of our active real estaters can make it count anywhere between Connellsville and the National Capital.

The Vanderbilt tragedy shows how good intentions sometimes come to bad endings.

Looking Backward.

News of the Past Condensed from the Files of The Courier.

WEEK OF DECEMBER 7, 1883.

The Connellsville Coke & Iron Company has completed 104 new ovens at Leisenring making the plant 504 ovens. The West Leisenring plant of this company now numbers 200 ovens, making the company's total ovens 704. Adding the Connellsville Gas Coal Company's 400 ovens at Trotter this makes 1,104 ovens on the 'Possum Run branch of the Pennsylvania railroad representing a coke traffic of 100 cars per day.

Bessemer coke works sold at sheriff's sale to McClure & Company for $166,000.

Three hundred Hungarian emigrants employed by the H. C. Frick Coke Company.

Trial of James Nutt for murder begins at Uniontown. Great trouble is experienced in securing a jury.

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 30, 1893.

Detailed report of the Connellsville coke trade for the week ending Saturday, November 25, shows a total of 17,519 ovens, of which 7,480 are active and 10,039 idle, with an estimated production of 68,145 tons.

Shipments for the week aggregated 4,014 cars, consigned as follows: To Pittsburg and river tipples, 1,655 cars; to points west of Pittsburg, 1,420 cars; to points east of Connellsville, 939 cars.

Price of coke so low as to be ruinous to the trade. Average cost of production is $1.35 a ton but the selling price has sunk to $1.25 with $1.15 reported in some cases.

"Bill" Pritis, fugitive murderer of Jonathan Hostetler and leader of Saltlick moonshiners, creates a sensation by his daring defiance of the law. His latest exploit is to attend a dance at one of his neighbor's houses.

Town council is perplexed over the manner of assessing property owners for their share in the Pittsburg street paving.

Bonshire Brothers organize a stock company to operate the glass works recently purchased from the Connellsville Flint Glass Company.

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 26 1903

Detailed report of the Connellsville coke trade for the week ending Saturday, November 21, shows a total of 28,096 ovens, of which 16,808 were active and 11,288 idle, with an estimated production of 153,366 tons. The coke trade is experiencing a big slump. During the week, 2,627 ovens went out of blast.

Shipments for the week aggregated 5,118 cars, consigned as follows: To Pittsburg and river tipples, 2,258 cars; to points west of Pittsburg, 1,645 cars; to points east of Connellsville, 1,215 cars.

Owen Murphy, contractor, claims distinction of having constructed more ovens than any other man in the region. He has just completed a contract which he claims puts his total at 4,108.

Twelve miners lost their lives and eight are seriously injured by an explosion of gas in the Ferguson mines.

Captain and Mrs. J. F. Drayo celebrate their sixtieth wedding anniversary.

United Presbyterian congregation reopened their church after extensive improvements have been made to exterior and interior.

A. J. Buttermore resigns as lieutenandt of Company D, Tenth Regiment. S. V. Ush is slated to succeed him.

SMITHFIELD WATER SUPPLY

Dispute Over Mountain Stream Settled by Purchase.

SMITHFIELD, Dec. 1.—William Barton, proprietor of the Smithfield House, has closed a deal by which he comes into possession of the Ruble mill property at Ruble and all the water rights. This deal will dissolve the injunction proceedings instituted by W. J. Ruble some time ago by which Barton was restrained from turning the water of a mountain stream that was one of the sources of supply to Ruble's mill into a pipe line that Barton had laid from the stream to Smithfield from which he had contracted to supply the Baltimore & Ohio railroad with water for its engines.

W. J. Ruble and W. G. Ruble and their wives, Miss Hannah Ruble and Mrs. J. F. Holbert, the heirs, acknowledged their deed yesterday for the propery consisting of a grist and saw mill, dwelling house, store room and 31 acres of ground. The consideration was not mentioned in the deed.

BLACK HAND CASE GOES TO THE JURY; EXTORTION CHARGED

Foreigner is Accused of Trying to Blackmail Rossa.

THREE YOUNG MEN ON TRIAL

Hard Fight is Made Over Youths Accused of Holding Up Continental Man in Uniontown Last October; Many Minor Cases are Disposed of.

UNIONTOWN, Dec. 3.—The case of Dominick Sezzalari, accused of robbery, extortion and carrying concealed weapons, by Tony Rossa, which was on trial all morning went to the jury shortly before noon, after a charge by Judge Umbel. According to Rossa's testimony, threats were made on his life unless he gave up $20. The demands became so persistent that he finally placed a marked $20 bill in the hands of Henry Fusarini, the banker. When Sezzalari was arrested, the bill was found in his possession. The defendant alleged that Rossa owed him $20 and he acknowledged that he had made repeated demands for payment. He denied any "Black Hand" methods, however.

The case of Adam Pavlinez charging Thomas Froman with larceny, was the next one called before Judge Umbel.

Three young men were placed on trial yesterday on charge of larceny by bailee and robbery. They are Fred Mercer, James Betts and John Jaynes. It was alleged by the commonwealth that they held up Jacob Hardwick of Continental No. 3 in Uniontown on October 16.

Ignats Peto was convicted of a serious charge preferred by Anna Strayka of Revere, on binding instructions from the court.

Clarence Smock of Belleversion was found not guilty but directed to pay the costs on charges of larceny by bailee, larceny and cruelty to animals.

A verdict of not guilty but pay the costs was returned in the case of Lizzie Bealer and Lizzie Sabould, both of South Connellsville, who were prosecuted by Elisabeth Flora. All of the women live at South Connellsville and the dispute arose over a cow and calf that strayed from its home pasture. Assault and battery was charged.

Sullivan Canton was convicted of an offense against morality but acquitted of a paternity charge preferred by Mary Addis of near Leith.

Theodore White, a Uniontown chauffeur, pleaded guilty to taking a watch from Zella Richardson. He returned the timepiece and paid the costs.

A petition for the appointment of John Conn to be constable of Franklin township was filed.

William T. Stafford petitioned the court to grant a rule on his divorced wife, Etta Stafford, to show cause why the sentence of the payment of $35 a month for the support of his wife and children should not be modified or revoked. The order for payment was made May 16, 1911, and since that time the woman has secured a divorce.

On the grounds that 16 Prohibition votes were cast and not counted in Point, Marion, the vote for judge of election in that borough is contested. George W. Smith, the Democrat and Washington candidate got 162 votes. William Stewart, Republican and Prohibitionist 98, and William Richards, Socialist 74. It is claimed the 16 Prohibitionist votes would have elected Stewart.

Viewers in the case of the Speer heirs against the Monongahela railroad made a report awarding the heirs $9,300.

J. M. Reid and E. M. F. Boyts, doing business as Boyts, Porter & Company, have instituted a suit against the Hogsett Coal & Coke Company to recover $543.73. The company alleges that $250 is due with interest on a promissory note and that there is a book account of $293.73, the amount that company owes for merchandise.

James McVeigh has entered suit in divorce from his wife, Mary McVeigh. They were married July 27, 1903, and lived in Uniontown and North Union township until February 13, 1913, when the libellant alleges she deserted him.

Ida May Queen has filed a divorce suit against her husband Oliver Queen. They were married in 1901 and resided in Millsboro and later in Ellsworth. The respondent is charged with infidelity. The libellant lives in Brownsville.

The will of Patrick Cullen, Sr., of Lower Tyrone township, was probated Monday. He left all his property, both real and personal, to his son, Matthew Cullen, provided that he pay to all his heirs the sum of one dollar each. The administrator was Matthew Cullen.

UNIONTOWN, Dec. 3.—After deliberating all night the jury in the case of James Betts, John Jaynes and Fred Mercer, charged with holding up and robbing Jacob Hardwick of Continental, in Uniontown on the night of October 16, failed to reach an agreement and was discharged. The jurors voted 7 to 5 in favor of acquittal. The defense offered an alibi and sought to establish that the young men were not with Hardwick about the time he was robbed.

Elizabeth and Abram Truxal today entered suit against the road supervisors of Upper Tyrone township to recover $500 damages for injuries sustained by Mrs. Truxal on December 8, 1912, when she was thrown from a buggy. It is alleged the new road opened by the supervisors along the Connellsville-Mount Pleasant route, was in a bad condition because of the many pitfalls, and that the buggy in which Mrs. Truxal and her two children were driving overturned with them. She claims to have been seriously injured.

William Burt, a homeless boy, 17 years old, who has been living at Maxwell, was convicted of stealing a box of wire from John Rapela of that place. He was sent to the Huntingdon reformatory.

James McAdams was given four months to the workhouse on charges of vagrancy preferred by Chief of Police Frank McCarty of Uniontown.

It took only 23 minutes to settle an assault and battery case from Baineytown yesterday afternoon, and only four jurors sat on the case. Superintendent of Schools S. P. Ashe of Connellsville was one of the quartet. They found Peter Pitsick not guilty of the charge preferred by John Zidick and his wife, and divided the costs.

James Bowman, a negro, was sent to the penitentiary for three years after being convicted of robbing Robert Patterson of Brownsville, also colored.

John Kowat of Royal was convicted of a serious charge preferred in behalf of the 11-year-old daughter of John Zeglin.

SOMERSET COURTS

John H. Seibert Acquitted on First of 10 Embezzlement Charges.

SOMERSET, Dec. 2.—Judge Francis J. O'Conner of Cambria county, specially presiding in criminal court, today at noon directed a jury to return a verdict of not guilty in the first of the 10 embezzlement cases in which John H. Seibert, former prosperous lumberman of Somerset, who is now seeking relief from financial embarrassment, is the bankruptcy courts.

In this action Seibert was charged with embezzling the sum of $1,400 from the Berkebile Lumber Company, of which he was treasurer. The Berkebile company is also a bankrupt. It was charged in the indictment against Seibert that he had made a secret profit of $1,400 in the transfer of the timber tract by John R. Statler to the Berkebile company.

After the commonwealth had completed its case Attorney Norman T. Boose, counsel for Seibert, asked binding instructions to acquit the defendant. Judge O'Connor so instructed the jury. It developed that Seibert had no contract with Statler for a commission on the deal, but after the sale was consummated Statler voluntarily gave Seibert a commission amounting to $1,400. Statler testified for the prosecution.

John Thomas Jackson and John Williams, two negroes, were convicted of highway robbery this afternoon. They held up Charles Harvey and Frank B. Emerick on a public road near Fairhope the afternoon of September 16th.

After a partial trial a settlement was effected in the case of Samuel Baker, John Engle and Joseph Livengood, supervisors of Elk Lick township, charged with neglecting public roads.

SQUIRE PUTS IT OFF

Won't be Secretary of Board of Health for Another Month.

Secretary of the Board of Health Alex B. Hood went to the city hall last night to turn over the books of the board, the legal blanks and supplies to Clerk A. O. Bixler, who becomes ex-officio secretary of the Board of Health under the new city government. Clerk Bixler, however, refused to receive them, declaring that the present board and its officers will serve until January, according to the decision of Solicitor Higbee.

Thus Clerk Bixler will receive another office, one that he is not particularly anxious to have. Solicitor Higbee declares that the city clerk must serve as ex-officio secretary of the Board of Health. Commissioner of Health Dixon, however, declares that the new council should appoint a Board of Health, in case it does not want to act in that capacity itself, and allow the appointees to organize, electing anyone they please secretary and continuing as a separate department.

FIGHT ON OVENS

One Dead, Another Dying, as Result of Fracas.

BROWNSVILLE, Dec. 2.—Two Slavs, as yet unidentified, were stabbed in a fight at the ovens of the Brownsville Coke Company about 11 o'clock last night. One of them died a short time afterward and the other is in a serious condition.

There were 12 tramps in the crowd among whom the fight occurred. Nine of these were arrested and locked up by the Brownsville police, but the tenth, who is supposed to have done the stabbing, escaped. Five of the men arrested are English-speaking, but they profess to know nothing of the stabbing.

The dead man is about 34 years old. His wound was made by a long knife which entered between the ribs and penetrated the lungs. The second victim is about 56 years old. He was stabbed in three places.

UNIONTOWN MAN MISSING.

Charles Springer Disappears from Home During October.

Notices have been sent out by Frank Y. Springer of Uniontown, asking for information as to the whereabouts of Charles Springer, aged 22, who disappeared from his home during the latter part of October.

The missing man is described as five feet five inches in height, light complectioned with blue eyes and brown hair. When last seen he wore a brown suit, brown shoes and a light hat.

MEET AFTER 54 YEARS.

Somerset Brothers Get Together in a Missouri Farm.

After a separation of 54 years, Edgar Worth Campbell and his brother, Thomas Campbell, natives of Somerset county, met Sunday night in Macon, Mo.

At the age of nine years Edgar Worth Campbell started out to make his way in the world. A few years later he became a cowboy in Kansas, finally settling in Wilson county. Tom, after drifting about for a few years settled on a farm in Macon county.

Kicked by a Horse.

SOMERSET, Dec. 1.—Charles Diveley, aged 22, an employe at the Charles H. Weimer blacksmith shop, was kicked by a fractious horse this morning and sustained a broken right leg.

NEW PUBLIC SAFETY HEAD IS QUICK TO PUNISH OFFENDERS

Superintendent Wright Discharges Two Firemen for Breaking Rules.

M'CORMICK AND COONEY QUIT

Complaints Against Conduct at the East Side Hose House Bring Quick Action by New Chief of Department; Must Have Better Discipline.

Less than 24 hours after taking charge of the department of public safety of the new city, Superintendent F. W. Wright was faced with the necessity of giving the fire department a shaking up. On Monday he summarily discharged two firemen for neglect of duty. The victims of this action were Ray McCormick, who has been a member of the force for a few months past, and William Cooney, also a comparatively recent employe, although he has been off and on the force on various occasions.

The shakeup was unpremeditated on the part of the councilman in charge of the department. When complaints reached him, however, as to the conduct of members of the department, he was prompt to investigate, and having convinced himself that the accusations were just, he lost no time in acting.

Complaints were made that the East Side fire house, which is located along Mountain alley, near Peach street, was being used for disorderly purposes. On Tuesday the superintendent of public safety was told that there had been a carousal the night before. He went to the fire house and found Fireman McCormick still in bed, and intoxicated. He was immediately discharged.

Cooney, who has been stationed on the West Side with the auto-truck crew, was discharged for habitual intoxication.

"I am not trying to make a record," Mr. Wright explained. "I wanted an opportunity to see just how efficient the fire-fighting force is, and there is no desire on my part to drop any man who is doing his duty. These complaints were brought to me since I was sworn in Monday and my investigation satisfied me that the proper course would be to discharge the offenders, which I did."

Mr. Wright believes that it is absolutely necessary, for the sake of discipline and efficiency, to have only sober men on the fire-fighting force and intemperate employes will find it necessary to seek other employment.

Councilman Duggan, superintendent of parks and public property, cast his eye over the city hall Monday and then decided that he will not give the renovation of the building serious thought until it is determined just what changes will be needed. This cannot be done until the number of offices is decided. It is said that the borough engineer will be required to maintain an office at city hall, as will the city treasurer and other officials. Clerk Bixler and Councilman Gans, superintendent of accounts and finance, are working on the account books which must be opened up for the new city.

It is expected that council will order a triennial assessment to be taken early next year in order to have it come at a time when the county is not making its assessments. Several of the councilmen are of opinion that valuations must be raised, and certainly should be equalized. They anticipate that their most unpleasant task will be that of adjusting valuations to meet new conditions. Councilman Duggan is among those who urge this action.

"I own a lot of property on the West Side," he said. "It isn't assessed fairly. Some of it is too high, and quite a little is too low. For my part I intend to support any movement looking towards equalized valuations."

SQUIRE HUBBS DIES

Former Scottdale Man Expires at South Brownsville.

W. C. Hubbs, 84 years old, died on Monday morning at the St. Charles Hotel at South Brownsville. Until three months ago Mr. Hubbs resided at Scottdale. Since then he has made his home with his son, W. M. Hubbs, proprietor of the St. Charles Hotel.

Mr. Hubbs was born in Westmoreland county October 1, 1829. He settled in Scottdale in 1872 when the town was little more than a village. He was a farmer the greater part of his life. He rarely knew a day's sickness until his late illness. Three sons, H. L., W. C. and W. B. Hubbs survive. Funeral services were held yesterday morning at 10 o'clock. The interment was made at Scottdale.

GUARD INSPECTION SOON.

Peinsylvania Companies Will Be Examined Next Month.

HARRISBURG, Dec. 2.—Adjutant General Thomas J. Stewart has announced that the annual inspection of the organizations of the National Guard will be made as heretofore, by regular army officers under the provision of the Dick law. The inspection will be made by officers of the regular army to be detailed by the commander of the Eastern division.

The inspection dates will be in January and General Stewart is preparing a schedule. On the result of this inspection depends the allowances made by the federal government to the militia.

Many Cumberland Weddings.

Harry Wesley King and Mabel Isabella Jackson, a well known pair of Ohiopyle; Charles Griffith Bowman and Rose Mary Dougherty, both of Meyersdale; Albert Earl Langley and Susie Pearl Moser both of Uniontown, eloped to Cumberland yesterday.

Have You Coal Land for Sale?

If so advertise it in The Weekly Courier.

MAYOR, AT FIRST HEARING, SENDS PRISONER TO JAIL

Rockwell Marietta Also Sets Precedent by Holding Police Court at 8 A. M.

Mayor Rockwell Marietta lost no time in familiarizing himself with the duties of head of the Department of Public Affairs, and assisted by Clerk Bixler he soon made himself acquainted with the details of the police department.

His first official act along this line was to swear in the present police force for an additional 30 days. He directed that all of them appear at 7 o'clock last evening and upon them presenting themselves at the city hall the oath was administered. Chief Rettler and Patrolmen McDonald, Francis, Halley, Stump, Geiger, Bowers and Barnes are thus continued in service for another month.

After swearing them in the mayor cautioned them as to their conduct while on duty. He impressed upon the force the necessity of giving as good as possible protection to the town and particularly warned the members not to drink while on duty.

A precedent was set by the mayor Monday when he conducted the police court hearings at 8 o'clock instead of 9 o'clock, as was the custom in the past. Justice was meted out to five prisoners, all of them arrested for drunkenness. Mike Linko of Elm Grove, George Williams of Edenborn, Ed Zimmerman of Connellsville, and James Burt of Denver were given 48 hours each. James Murphy of Leisenring was committed for 72 hours for drunkenness and disorderly conduct.

Otis White, minus both arms, was directed by the mayor to be sent to jail as a common nuisance.

CULTURE CLUB ASKS CLEANER TOWN; "CIVICS" DISCUSSED

Anti-Expectoration Ordinance Will Be Urged; War on Billboards is Also Launched.

The Woman's Culture Club wants a cleaner town and intends looking to the new council for action in that direction. "Civics" was discussed at the meeting held Monday at the home of Mrs. Arthur Freed in Greenwood, and activity along various lines was urged.

In a paper on civic work, Mrs. J. M. Cecil pointed out various needs. She urged a cleaner town, the elimination of billboards, efforts to keep waste paper from being scattered along the streets, and the passage of an ordinance forbidding expectoration on the sidewalks.

There was a general discussion of these subjects during which the hope was expressed that the new council would be able to accomplish something.

A paper was also read by Mrs. J. A. Lyon on civic affairs. Mrs. John B. Marietta reported the garden work done during the past summer and said that use could be found for a larger supply of seeds. The next meeting will be held on December 15 at the home of Mrs. Charles Stoutter on South Pittsburg street. Miss Jean Gallagher sang two solos.

STICK TO THE FARM.

"Don't Sell Your Coal and Move to Town," Minister Advises.

WASHINGTON, Pa., Dec. 3.—Urging farmers to remain on their farms and not move to town, even if they sell their coal and become wealthy, the Rev. C. L. McKee of Washington created a stir yesterday afternoon in the winter meeting of the Washington County Pomona Grange in the town hall.

Mr. McKee declared the custom of farmers to sell their coal and then move to town was resulting in an undesirable element coming into control of farms.

REWARD OFFERED.

One Hundred Dollars for Finding of Confluence Woman.

A reward of $100 has been offered for the finding of Mrs. Harvey Kurtz, Jr., of Confluence, who disappeared some weeks ago and has not been heard from since.

H. Kurtz, Jr., husband of the missing woman, has offered this sum to the person or persons who locate his wife. It is believed that she was drowned in the Youghiogheny river but as yet no trace of her body has been discovered.

BIG CATTLE PROFIT.

Jesse H. Wise is Back from the West Where He Has a Ranch.

Jesse H. Wise of Waynesburg has written The Courier and tells of his great luck in a recent cattle deal in Mexico. About the time matters began to look troublesome in that country he purchased 1,000 head of steers, which he sold at a neat profit.

Mr. Wise owns a ranch in the west and has been there for the past month or more looking after his interests.

November Library Report.

The November report of the Carnegie Free Library submitted this morning by Miss Elizabeth Clark, librarian, shows an increase of about 700 over that of the month of October. The total circulation, including a circulation of 348 at the West Side station, was 6,800.

Lift Pastor's Quarantine.

The quarantine has been lifted from the home of Rev. H. A. Baum at Dawson and on next Sunday Reverend Baum expects to resume his pastorship at the Cochran Memorial Church at Dawson. The three children of Rev. and Mrs. Baum have recovered from scarlet fever.

Fayette Postmasters.

The following Fayette county postmasters were confirmed by the Senate Monday after being hed up for several weeks: L. F. Fuller, Youngwood; Harry G. McNatt, Mount Braddock; S. J. Archbold, Upper Middleton.

Committed to County Home.

Orris White, the man who is without both arms, will be taken to the county home tomorrow instead of to jail. Papers were made out by Squire Donegar, White having agreed to go to the home.

FIND MAN'S BODY IN YOUGH RIVER; WIFE LIVES HERE

Drowning Victim Identified by Means of Card in Eagles.

IT IS FOUND NEAR SMITHTON

Relatives of William Kavalic, Who Disappeared on November 24, and Those of Charles R. Snyder, Also Missing, Fail to Identify the Man.

The finding of a body in the Yough river at Smithton on Tuesday raised hope in the breasts of two families in Perryopolis who are seeking absent sons. The discoverers of the body were so certain that it was that of William Kavalic, who disappeared on Monday, November 24, that they notified the parents. However, they could not identify it as their son.

The mother and father of Charles R. Snyder, who has been missing since September 22, also viewed the body, but could not identify it.

Later it was identified as that of W. G. Stratton of Pittsburg, papers being found in his pocket indicating that he was a member of the Aerie of Eagles on the North Side. Word was sent to officers of the Aerie in an effort to locate his relatives.

It was discovered today that Stratton was formerly a resident of town and his wife who was a Miss Donnelly before her marriage, was notified by members of the local Aerie. She stated that her husband had been out of work when he left home a few weeks ago and they were about to break up housekeeping. She left this morning for Perryopolis to take charge of the body.

William Kavolic, the latest Perryopolis man to be reported missing, is 19 years old, five feet eight inches in height, weighs about 155 pounds, and when seen last wore a blue serge suit, black buttoned shoes and a cap. The body found in the river was dressed similar to this, hence the belief that it was that of Kavalic.

Kavalic left home presumably to help a neighbor bring home a stove from Fuller Station. He has not been seen since. It is thought that he may have enlisted in the army.

ROAD WORK PROGRESSES

Laying Concrete East of Town; Brick is Still Held Up.

Ridge Brothers, the contractors on the mile of state road just east of Connellsville on the Mount Pleasant road, are going ahead with the work, laying the concrete base for the brick paving.

The work is progressing slowly owing to the bad weather, but half of the concrete base has been laid and it is hoped to lay the remainder before the winter weather becomes severe enough to stop work until spring. Once the concrete is down, the road will be opened to traffic.

The brick controversy has not been decided. Over 175,000 bricks were turned down by order of the state authorities about a month ago, because it was alleged that they could not stand the "abrasion" test. The Solsson Fire Brick Company has had some of the bricks put through the "rattler" used in this test and the percentage of abrasion has been found to be much under the limit allowed by the state. What the outcome will be can only be conjectured, but at any rate the actual paving will not be done until the spring.

DIES AT CLAIRTON

Mrs. Sadie Munroe of Detroit, Was Born Here.

Mrs. Sadie Munroe, aged about 68 years, of Detroit, Mich., died Monday evening of heart trouble at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Mattie Keffer at Clairton. The body will be brought to Connellsville this afternoon on Baltimore & Ohio train No. 16, due here at 2.55 o'clock and will be removed to Hill Grove cemetery for interment.

Mrs. Munroe was born in Connellsville and was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Nicholson. She married Hugh Munroe and 11 years ago they left for Detroit, Mich. to reside. She had been at the home of her daughter since her late illness. In addition to her husband, two daughters, Mrs. Keffer and Mrs. Cora Nicholson, and a sister, Mrs. Margaret Shaffer, survives. She was an aunt of Mrs. Charles Stafford and Miss Sarah Snyder of Connellsville.

TOWNSHIP ORGANIZATION.

C. B. Franks is Again Elected President in Dunbar District.

The Dunbar township school board met Monday at the high school building at Leisenring No. 1 and reorganized by re-electing C. B. Franks president and W. A. Hughes, vice president. T. S. Schuyler of district No. 2 is a new member of the board. Isaac H. Hall was re-elected.

The board decided to pay the teachers for their two weeks' services prior to the annual two weks' vacation which begins Friday, December 12. Bills amounting to about $8,000 were ordered paid.

ORGANIZATION BLOCKED.

Men's Bible Classes of Somerset Fail to Get Together.

SOMERSET, Dec. 2.—The Men's Bible Classes of Somerset have made two ineffectual efforts to organize a federation. The meeting in the Christian Church yesterday was practically all the Bible classes of Somerset, but there was no unanimity of purpose on the part of the delegates present.

The federation contemplated by the chief promoters of the movement is to be a county-wide organization, and much enthusiasm is being worked up in Somerset for the project by the active promoters.

SCHOOL BOARD REORGANIZES FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

Attorney F. E. Younkin is Again President; J. R. Davidson is Chosen Vice President.

The reorganization of the new board was effected by swearing in Ralph K. Long and C. Roy Hetzel to succeed W. W. Smith and A. W. Bishop. F. E. Younkin was re-elected president. J. R. Davidson succeeds Lloyd Shaw as vice president. It took three ballots to elect the vice president. Solicitor H. George May was re-elected at a salary of $100 a year. The regular meetings were fixed for the first Monday of each month.

President Younkin announced that the committees for the past year would stand, with Hetzel taking Bishop's and Long taking Smith's place. They are as follows:

Supply, Shaw, Hetzel, Davidson.
Property, Davidson, Shay, Long.
Finance, Baisley, Long, Hetzel.
Auditing, Hays, Hetzel, Baisley.
Grievance, Long, Shaw, Baisley.
Library, Davidson, Hetzel, Shaw.

Secretary Hays was elected a member of the sinking fund committee along with President Younkin and Treasurer Shaw.

The Christmas vacation was fixed at from Wednesday, November 17 to Monday, January 8. The teachers will be paid on the last day of school before the vacation.

An increase in salary from $92.50 to $95 a month was voted to Principal Minerd, the board being of the opinion that his increased work entitled him to it.

The old board, before adjourning also voted a salary increase to Janitor Huey of the Third ward building. He will receive $65 a month hereafter.

A vote of thanks was tendered to Directors Smith and Bishop by the remaining board members. They reciprocated with neat speeches telling how much they had enjoyed the work and the associations.

President Younkin caused a surprise by reporting that he had visited 23 schools since the last meeting, making a speech in each one. He was roundly congratulated on his enterprise. Adjournment was taken to meet again next Monday night.

PUBLIC TOWEL TABOO

State Health Board Prohibits Common Cup Also.

HARRISBURG, Dec. 2.—The public towel has been banned in Pennsylvania. Rules and regulations have just been promulgated by the advisory board of the State Department of Health prohibiting the use of the common towel, the common drinking cup and the common brush used by barbers to whisk over the eyes and brows of customers and enjoining upon all keepers of cafes and restaurants, proprietors of hotels and boarding houses and all who furnish food to the public that they thoroughly cleanse all eating utensils after each individual use.

In addition all physicians have been required to report to the state authorities two additional contagious diseases, impetigo-contagiosa and scabies

R. H. HOOVER HELD UP

Baltimore & Ohio Dispatcher, However, Does Some Tall Sprinting.

Roy H. Hoover, a dispatcher for the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, was held up on South Pittsburg street by two men shortly after midnight Monday morning. That they didn't get the large amount of money he happened to have with him is due to his fleetness of foot in retreating down the street toward the bright lights.

Mr. Hoover was walking briskly along the east side of the street about two men bobbed up and told him to stop. He did so for an instant and then turned and ran down the street. The men threatened to shoot if he did not stop but he continued. Arriving down town he was accompanied home by a policeman.

OFFICERS CHOSEN.

Yough Lodge, B. of L. F. & E. Holds Its Annual Election.

At a meeting of Youghiogheny Lodge, No. 302 Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers held Tuesday the following officers for the ensuing year were elected:

President, Jesse Ridgeway; vice president, G. B. DeHaven; recording secretary, H. M. Heinbaugh; financial secretary, Jesse Ridgeway; board of trustees, William Smith; legislative representative, G. E. Bowman; social chairman, S. M. May; social protective board, C. E. Bowlin and H. F. Livingston; medical examiner, Dr. G. H. Edmunds; social organizer, S. M. May.

FORMER RESIDENT WRITES.

Isaac T. Russell Comments on Prospects of Idaho Development.

The Courier is in receipt of a communication from Isaac Taylor Russell, a former resident of Connellsville, now living at Hamilton, Ill., in which he tells of an interesting summer's visit to Idaho.

Mr. Russell expresses the belief that Idaho will become a great country when the sage brush is finally cleared and all the land irrigated. His son, with whom he is visiting, has quite an orchard, although the trees will not begin bearing fruit until next year.

Considerable fruit was shipped out of that section this year, he writes.

Favors Sunday Tabernacle.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 3.—The last obstacle in the erection of the Billy Sunday tabernacle was removed today when Judge Haymaker dismissed the injunction instituted on petition of Edwin Stewart, who harged that the structure would be in violation of the city ordinace prohibiting frame buildings in the fire limits.

Big Damage Suit Tried.

The damage suit against the Baltimore & Ohio railroad brought by Amelia Lee is being tried in the Greensburg courts. Mrs. Lee claims $30,000 for the death of her husband Alexander W. Lee, on November 24, 1912. He was struck by a light engine.

Will Leave for Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Rohm and family will leave Monday for Florida.

DECEMBER 14 WILL BE THE DAY FOR ALL TO ATTEND CHURCH

Ministerial Association Sets That Date for Big Rally.

BIG CAMPAIGN TO BE LAUNCHED

Church Attendance Sunday the Newest Plan to Bring Everyone to Places of Worship; Widespread Publicity to Gain Big Attendance.

Church Attendance Sunday, the newest movement in church activity, has struck Connellsville. Sunday, December 14, has been designed by the Ministerial Association as the time when every man, woman and child will be especially invited to attend divine services somewhere. An unusual campaign of advertising will be made, including, in addition to newspaper publicity, ten thousand tags to be worn during the preceding week, hundreds of window cards to be placed in the front windows of homes, a proclamation by the mayor, and public announcements on the streets on Saurday evening.

This evening after prayer meeting services in the churches those present at these services will go to the Y. M. C. A., where for an hour or more they will string tags—a regular stringing bee. No announcement has been made as to what will happen should a pretty girl happen to get a red tag, but presumably the old law of the husking bee will apply.

The purpose of this church attendance Sunday is to get everybody to go to church and give the pastor a chance to tell them why they should come all the time. As it is he only gets a chance to preach to the faithful attendants, who do not need that kind of sermons. The choirs and others having a part in the services will put forth special efforts to make the people feel like coming again.

It is the hope of the pastors that the churches will be filled to capacity, and that the proximity of the Christmas season and the time of New Year resolutions will induce many to resolve to make church going a regular part of their lives.

POSTAL BUSINESS BIG

Increase of $478.59 Over November 1912 Shown in Report.

The postal report for the month of November as given out by Postmaster A. E. Kurtz today is an unusually good one, an increase of $478.59, being shown over the same month in 1912. The figures follow:

Stamps and stamped paper	$3,973.30
Newspaper postage	37.14
Box rents	6.15
Total	$3,713.57
Receipts for Nov. 1912	$2,640.00
Increase	$ 478.59

The report of the Postal Savings Bank shows six new accounts opened during the last month, one account closed, 14 deposits, four withdrawn and 26 accounts still open, with a total credit of $2,637.00.

HOSPITAL UNDER FIRE

Coroner's Jury Wants to Know Why Ambulance Didn't Come.

At an inquest held Monday in Uniontown into the death of R. B. Gould, who was crushed to death on November 22, by two Baltimore & Ohio shifting engines at Evans station, it was recommended that an investigation be made by the proper authorities into the failure to convey Gould from the railroad station to the Uniontown Hospital after his arrival in Uniontown. Gould died at the railroad station after having waited for some time for the arrival of the ambulance.

The report recommending a probe is signed but by five jurors and it is doubtful whether under these conditions it is sufficient to cause action. The dissenting juror was A. S. Arteford.

BOARD REORGANIZES.

C. S. McClintock Named President at South Connellsville.

The South Connellsville school board met Monday night after paying a number of bills and transacting other business of a routine nature, the board reorganized. C. S. McClintock was elected president, succeeding B. F. Johns. A secretary and treasurer will not be elected until July. The new member of the board is George Durbin.

John Enold is the retiring member. If the court decides that the election of B. F. Johns and J. W. Wilder at the November election was illegal, the board will have to effect another reorganization.

CHERCH BIDS IN.

Presbyterian Building Committee Considering Estimates for Structure.

The building committee of the First Presbyteiran Church is considering bids for the erection of its new church on Green street, all of the estimates having been placed in the hands of E. K. Dick, the chairman.

Careful consideration of the estimates will be given before the contract is awarded, as it is not thought possible to begin work until spring, the approach of the severe winter weather being so close.

Veteran Miner Dies.

Michael Petrosky, who dug the first coal in the mines of the H. C. Frick Company at Whitney, died Friday at his home at Whitney. Services were held Monday. Petrosky was one of the oldest miners and one of the two Frick company's pensioners residing at Whitney.

Dunbar Woman Dies.

Mrs. Margaret Silfroe, a widow, 73 years old died yesterday at her home at Dunbar.

MAYOR AND FOUR COUNCILMEN IN OFFICE; FORM AN ORGANIZATION

First Time Since 1910 That New Elective Officers Have Gone Into Power.

NEW EPOCH IN CIVIC AFFAIRS

Town Becomes a Third Class City in Fact, Although it Voted to Become One More Than Three Years Ago; First Meeting is of Brief Duration.

A new and by far the most important epoch in the civic development of Connellsville began Monday when the mayor and four councilmen elected last month assumed their duties of governing Connellsville under the modified commission plan. The meeting was for the purpose of formally organizing, and performing the preliminary duties necessary to put the city machinery in motion. The system is entirely different from anything that has been done in the past and for that reason the mayor and councilmen followed the lead of Attorney E. C. Higbee, whom they elected city solicitor.

There was little ceremony attendant upon the inauguration. A round of applause greeted the mayor and councilmen as they entered the council chamber. The five men gathered around the oak table and will transact their business sitting together, the mayor being a part of the conference. The raised dais formerly used by the president of council and his clerk, will no longer be needed and it is expected that it will be torn away.

After the new officials had entered the room, Mayor Rockwell Marietta called the meeting to order and announced a new departure. The meeting was opened by prayer. Rev. J. P. Allison being called upon by the mayor. The Christian Church pastor spoke briefly, asking that success crown the labors of the body, and that it be given public support. Following this, Joseph A. Mason, a notary public, administered the oath of office to the mayor and the four councilmen.

The organization of council was not changed from that which was forecast on Saturday. Mayor Marietta, by virtue of his office, becomes the superintendent of the department of public affairs. John L. Gans was designated superintendent of accounts and finances; Frank W. Wright, superintendent of public safety; Thomas J. Hooper, superintendent of streets and public improvements; and John Duggan, superintendent of parks and public property. The duties of each head of department was outlined in an ordinance submitted at the first meeting, and which will be passed on Friday.

The new city is without a controller, Squire A. O. Bixler having submitted his resignation, which was accepted. He was elected clerk at a salary of $1,300 a year. Under another ordinance which was submitted, the clerk was made clerk of council, clerk to the mayor, clerk of the Board of Health and assistant to the superintendent of accounts of finance.

Explaining this action on the part of the council, F. W. Wright said: "We have simply done what we could to give Mr. Bixler the position to which the people thought they were electing him. Few people realized that the Clark bill strips the controller of all real power and makes him merely an auditor. The people thought they were electing Bixler to check and approve expenditures. That duty devolves upon the superintendent of accounts and finances. Bixler can partially perform this task in his new position."

No steps were taken looking towards the selection of a new controller. E. C. Higbee was elected city solicitor. This was somewhat of a surprise. His salary will be fixed at a later date. Mr. Higbee has worked out the details of launching the new city and the councilmen wanted him as their advisor, at least for the first term.

The selection of the heads of departments took little time and there was but a single demonstration of friction. When Mr. Duggan nominated Thomas J. Hooper as head of the street department, he called it "department of streets and alleys." This was taken by many as a fling on Duggan's part because he did not land the one position he desired. Outside of this the meeting was entirely harmonious and there is every indication that the councilmen intend working together.

All of the resolutions submitted were in writing, as required by the law, and this caused the proceedings to progress more slowly than otherwise would have been the case. Solicitor Higbee found it necessary to prompt the various members from time to time. It took both Mayor Marietta and Clerk Bixler some few minutes to get into the habit of calling the roll on every motion, a procedure which is required under the Clark bill. Councilman Wright acted as temporary secretary until a permanent organization had been effected.

A resolution was adopted which continues the police, firemen and other employes in their positions until January 1. They will be paid the same compensation as heretofore. Another resolution continued the borough engineer, street commissioner and their subordinates on the job. The police will be under the supervision of the mayor, the firemen under Superintendent Wright, and the engineer and street employes under Superintendent Hooper.

The superintendents of the various departments were directed to at once submit to the superintendent of accounts and finance, who is the purchasing agent, a statement of their requirements for the future. The borough treasurer was asked for a comprehensive report, and the various heads of departments will be required to make a complete inventory of the borough's property.

Upon motion of Councilman Wright, a resolution was passed directing the superintendent of streets, the mayor and the engineer to formulate a plan for the systematic and economical cleaning of streets and calling for the superintendent of parks and public buildings a report on alterations to the city hall with a view to remodeling it to meet the new city's needs.

The mayor, solicitor and a councilman to be designated by the mayor, were authorized by resolution to provide a code of rules for the council. Mayor Marietta named Councilman Gans on that committee.

The most important ordinance was that outlining the duties of the heads of departments. It was similar to that outlined at the Harrisburg conference. Minor changes were made. Mayor Marietta will have charge of that part of the city hall used for police purposes and Superintendent Wright of the public safety department, will supervise the fire buildings. Street lighting was placed in the hands of the street department, with Councilman Hooper in charge. This ordinance, being urgent and for the preservation of order, becomes effective upon passage and publication.

An ordinance outlining the duties of the city clerk provided that his term will expire on the first Monday of January, 1913. A third ordinance gives to the superintendent of accounts and finance the powers of purchasing agent.

After these details had been worked out, council adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock on Friday evening.

James Martin made a speech before the council presenting Mayor Rockwell Marietta with a cane which was made out of wood in the old market house. The wood was sawed in William McCormick's mill along Mountz creek in 1795, Martin declared, and is strictly Democratic. Mr. Marietta made a neat speech of acceptance.

Mayor Marietta did not preside over police court this morning, there being no prisoners. He expects to do this work for the present. None of the aldermen has received his commission as yet, and they will not get on the job before January 1, it is generally believed.

Immediately after the meeting adjourned, Clerk Bixler went into conference with Superintendent Gans to work out the details for getting the department of accounts and finance on a working basis. There will be several other conferences prior to the next meeting.

MEN WHO HAVE BEEN BURGESS IN CONNELLSVILLE

Daniel Rogers,
James Blackstone,
Abraham Baldwin,
John Lamb,
Daniel L. Norton,
Isaac Mears,
John Boyd
John Lamb,
Isaac Mears,
George Mathiot,
Carlos Alonzo Norton,
Abraham Baldwin,
Caleb Trevor,
Herman Gebhart,
Lester L. Norton,
Robert Long,
John Fuller,
Josiah Kurtz,
William Davidson,
Joseph Johnston,
R. M. Murphey,
John K. Brown,
Abraham Gallentine,
Benjamin Pritchard,
James N. Walker,
Thomas M. Fee,
Gen. R. T. Galloway,
Samuel Cox,
Major Benjamin Prichard,
Benjamin Frankinberger,
James Stillwagon,
Joseph F. Torry,
J. Emmet Stillwagon,
Benjamin Prichard,
Joseph Johnston,
John Kurtz,
J. E. Stillwagon,
James H. Gray,
J. E. Stillwagon,
James M. Cavender,
A. Yohe,
W. S. Yard,
J. Emmet Stillwagon,
Samuel R. Long,
J. B. Kurtz,
J. S. Bryner,
J. B. Kurtz,
C. W. Patterson,
A. D. Soisson,
J. L. Evans.

STREET CONTRACT LET

Burgess Evans Signs Order for Race Street Work.

The last official act of Burgess J. L. Evans on Monday was to sign the contract with Duggan & Miller for paving Race street between Green street and Davidson avenue. Council awarded the contract at its meeting on Saturday. The price is to be $12,250.

There is a question whether this work will be done at this time. The new council may enter objections in spite of the fact that the contract has been let. There was considerable criticism in various directions because the contract was saddled on the new council during the last hours of the old organization. It is said by some that the 2 per cent limit of indebtedness was exceeded when the job was let out.

Burgess Evans presided over police court for the last time yesterday. He discharged a dozen prisoners in honor of the occasion.

Erzjerviz Gets Respite.

GREENSBURG, Nov. 29.—Joseph Erzjerviz, who was to have been hanged here next Tuesday, has been granted a second respite by Governor John K. Tener. The stay extends to December 19.

BIDDLE HORNBECK IS NAMED CASHIER UNDER LEWELLYN

Pittsburg & Lake Erie Man is Given a Fat Political Plum by Personal Friend.

Biddle Hornbeck of Dickerson Run, assistant trainmaster of the Pittsburg & Lake Erie railroad, has been appointed cashier of the internal revenue office in Pittsburg under Internal Revenue Collector C. G. Lewellyn. The position pays $2,400 a year.

Mr. Hornbeck and Collector Lewellyn have been personal friends for years and the appointment was largely due to this. He is well qualified for the position. Hornbeck succeeds Cashier Fagan, who has been promoted to be a deputy collector in Allegheny county.

The new cashier is well known throughout Fayette county. He served several terms as a school director in Dunbar township. In 1904 he was candidate for sheriff on the Democratic ticket but was defeated by M. A. Kiefer. He is a director of the Citizens National Bank of Connellsville.

CLOSES FIFTH YEAR

Rev. C. E. Wagner Delivers His Anniversary Sermon.

An attentive audience heard Rev. C. E. Wagner, pastor of the Trinity Reformed Church, deliver his fifth anniversary sermon on Sunday morning. His subject was "Progress, the Watch-Word of the Church." He dwelt upon the mutual relations between the pastor and congregation, the problems that confront the church and the community, the spiritual development of the membership, the spirit of sacrifice and liberality that is manifested, the progress and marked success of the work in the past five years and the challenge for still greater progress for the future.

The congregation has made a net gain of 35 members or 52 per cent in the five years. Improvements and equipments including a piano, organ, carpet, furniture, etc., cost $1,100. Benevolent contributions were doubled and those for congregational purposes increased more than three-fold. Toward the debt, $1,250 was paid and nearly $500 is on hand to be paid January 1. The congregation will observe its 15th anniversary January 22.

KILLED BY TRAIN

Attempt to Board It is Fatal to Herminie Youth.

Attempting to board a Baltimore & Ohio train at West Newton Sunday afternoon, Mike Sochko, 21 years old, fell under the train, suffering injuries which resulted in his death several hours afterwards at the Cottage State Hospital. He was brought to Connellsville on train No. 16 and removed to the hospital. His right leg was severed above the knee and he was injured internally.

The body was removed to Funeral Director C. C. Mitchell's parlors and prepared for burial. On Sunday it was shipped to Herminie, the home of Sochko. Services will be held from the Hungarian church at that place.

Sochko was employed by the Keystone Coal & Coke Company at Herminie and was unmarried. He is survived by his parents in the "old country."

FOUND DEAD IN BED.

Hotel Policeman Victim of Heart Failure at Uniontown.

UNIONTOWN, Dec. 1.—James Kissinger, aged 63 years, was found dead at 9.10 o'clock last night in his room at the home of John Darby on East Church street. Heart failure is given as the cause of death.

Mr. Kissinger was seen last on Saturday night about 11 o'clock when he was heard to complain of pains in his stomach. When he did not appear all day Sunday, an investigation was made and when the police broke in the door of his room he was found dead in bed.

Deceased was employed as a policeman at the Central Hotel and had lived in Uniontown 24 years.

Among the surviving children is Mrs. James E. Gladden, formerly of the West Side, but now of New York City.

GATES' HOME IN DOUBT.

Case to Determine Late Financier's Legal Residence Opens.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Nov. 29.—A case to determine the legal residence of the late Charles G. Gates, and which state—Minnesota or Texas—shall collect the inheritance tax, was begun in probate court today.

William J. Stevenson, assistant states attorney general, filed a petition to probate the estate, asserting that Mr. Gates' home was in Minneapolis. Later, Frank T. Corrison, representing Mrs. Gates and other heirs, filed a petition with the court. Mrs. Gates petition argued that her husband's legal residence was at Fort Arthur, Texas.

DIRECTORS ARE ELECTED.

No Change is Made in Officials of the Masonic Association.

Stockholders in the Connellsville Masonic Association, which owns the Masonic Temple on South Pittsburg street, met Friday evening for the annual session. Five directors were elected and there was no change in the personnel of the board, J. A. Armstrong, J. W. McClaren, W. D. McGinnis, E. T. Norton and Robert Norris again being chosen.

The directors will meet next week to effect their usual organization.

DONEHOO HONORED.

Is Named a Member of the State Historical Commission.

Dr. George P. Donehoo of Coudersport is one of five men appointed by Governor Tener as Pennsylvania's Histrical Commission designed by act of 1913 to study and recommend sites for monuments and memorials, so that there shall be systematic expenditure of state money for such purposes.

Dr. Donehoo formerly resided in Connellsville.

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JUDGE RECOMMENDS SPANKING INSTEAD RECOURSE TO LAW

Disputes Resulting From Children's Quarrels Ought Not Come to Court.

WHIPPINGS ARE CHEAPER, TOO

Opening Case of Criminal Court Causes Judge Umbel to Make Caustic Comment; Didn't Do It That Way When He Was a Boy, He Says.

UNIONTOWN, Dec. 1.—At the opening of the December term of criminal court Judge R. E. Umbel took occasion to score the practise of returning trivial cases to court, especially those which arise out of quarrels among children. The court strongly advocated the use of a spanking paddle as a means of training children in the way they should go. He said that when he was a boy, parents took their children aside and gave them a spanking, instead of rushing madly into a squire's office to start a lawsuit. The spankings proved efficacious, he said, and were much less expensive than the legal method of securing satisfaction.

Judge Umbel's remarks were occasioned by the trial of the case of Thomas Haney against Mrs. Clara H. Reis of Uniontown, a dispute which began among children of the litigants. The prosecutor charged assault and battery in behalf of his daughter Sarah, who he alleged was struck by a lump of coal and subjected to insulting remarks by Mrs. Reis and her children. The jury divided the costs equally between the prosecutor and defendant.

Only four true bills were returned by the grand jury during the morning. The case in which Lee Scott is charged with the murder of Al Bullock at Green Junction, near Connellsville, will be sent to the grand jury later in the week. An indictment is expected and the trial will begin early next week.

The returns of constables occupied the time of the court before the trial of cases was taken up.

Theodore White, accused of larceny by bailee in the theft of a watch, by Della Richardson, returned the watch in court and the case was dropped, White paying the costs.

SOMERSET COURT

December Term for Criminal Trials is Under Way.

SOMERSET, Dec. 2.—The regular December term of Somerset county criminal court convened yesterday at 10 o'clock, Judge William H. Ruppel presiding. The Hon. John C. Weller of Gebhart was appointed foreman of the grand jury. The grand jury returned bills in the following cases: Road supervisors of Elk Lick township, charged with neglecting public highways, Clarence King, prosecutor; Soferina Bufalina, assault and battery with intent to kill, Samuel W. McMullen, prosecutor.

The first case called for trial was that of Samuel Baker, John Engle and Joseph Livengood, supervisors of Elk Lick township, charged with neglecting public roads.

Tony Madeo, charged with selling liquor without license by County Detective Lester C. Wagner, and Michael Foley, charged with selling liquor without license by W. E. Paden, pleaded guilty and were released on parole on payment of the costs of prosecution.

John Thomas Jackson, charged with carrying concealed weapons by Baltimore & Ohio Detective Edwin F. Ludwig, entered a plea of guilty but has not yet been sentenced.

A continuance was announced in the case in which Frederick Rowe is charged with perjury by Levi Deal.

The following cases were settled: Michael Stinetsky and Frances Sabot, charged with assault and battery and resisting an officeh by Constable Edward Arisman of Boswell; Jacob Drisco, assault and battery to ravish, Francis Collier; John Feco and Andrew Clov, aggravated assault and battery, Shandar Baker; George Baker, assault and battery, John Fesco.

Judge Francis J. O'Connor of Cambria county, will be here tomorrow to try the John H. Seibert embezzlement cases.

HELD FOR MURDER.

Delorenzi Must Answer for Death of Man He Kicked.

Following an inquest held, Saturday afternoon at Vanderbilt by Coroner H. Bell into the death of John McGuire who it is alleged died of injuries suffered when he was kicked by John Delorenzi of Vanderbilt, Delorenzi was held to face a charge of murder at the December term of court.

Seven witnesses were heard. District Attorney Ray S. Shelby conducted the case for the Commonwealth.

WHITE'S NEW JOB.

Local Boy Goes With Big Contracting Company.

Harry White, who has been with the New Mork, Westchester & Boston railroad, a subsidiary of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, has resigned to accept a position on the engineering corps of the McNulty Contracting Company, and is now working on a subway in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Mr. White is a son of Dr. and Mrs. T. H. White.

Prohibition Meeting Postponed.

The meeting of the Prohibition Alliance scheduled for Tuesday has been postponed until Tuesday evening, December 9. The meeting will be held in the headquarters on the third oor of the Y. M. C. A. Rev. W. A. Wissinger of Everson and others will discuss the subject, "A Working Program for Fayette County Prohibitionists."

SOMERSET WEDDINGS

Matings of Cupid Among the Frosty Sons of Thunder.

SOMERSET, Dec. 2.—The office of Clerk of the Orphans' Court Bert F. Landis in the court was the scene of a quiet wedding yesterday afternoon when he officiated at the wedding of Miss Daisy Pearl Zerfoss and William A. Darr. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Moses D. Zerfoss of Somerset township. The bridegroom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry F. Darr of Lincoln township.

John I. Rodgers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Levi L. Rodgers of Alum Bank, Pa., and Miss Minnie E. Mock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Mock, of Paint township, were married at Johnstown, November 28, by the Rev. W. M. Howe.

Gideon Berkebile, son of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Berkebile, and Miss Carrie Jane Lohr, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Newton J. Lohr, both of Shade township, were married at Hooversville, Nov. 30, by the Rev. John K. Huey, pastor of the Hooversville United Brethren Church.

John Edward Gates, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph T. Gates, of Windber, and Miss Etta May Barefoot, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Barefoot of Pleasantville, Bedford county, were married at Windber, November 30, by Rev. James E. Sass.

Grant E. Weaver, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob A. Weaver, and Miss Eva S. Dilling, daughter of Mr. and and Mrs. John H. Dilling, both of Windber, were married at the home of the bride's parents, November 29, by the Rev. H. S. Replgle.

William Lincoln Barnhart, son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Barnhart of Stoyestown, and Miss Jennie Elizabeth Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob F. Miller of Lambertsville, were married at the parsonage of the Stoyestown Lutheran Church, November 27, by Rev. J. S. English.

Allen H. Fike, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus F. Fike of Summit township, and Miss Ida B. Berkley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron F. Berkebile of Meyersdale, were married at Salisbury, yesterday, by Rev. J. C. Beahm.

Clyde C. Walker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Grant Walker, and Miss Pearl N. Stull, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey E. Stull, both of Stony Creek township, were married at the parsonage of the Shanksville Lutheran Church, November 27, by Rev. M. L. Smucker.

Miss Alice Mabel Speicher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Speicher, and Palmer Marcus Hammer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ross F. Hammer, both of Jenner township, were married at Johnstown yesterday by Rev. Elmer F. Rice.

Norman Duppstadt, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Duppstadt, and Miss Ida B. Landis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs Edmund B. Landis, both of Stony Creek township, were married at Shanksville Nov. 26 by Rev. M. L. Smucker, pastor of the Shanksville Lutheran Church.

Charles B. McDonald, son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. McDonald, and Miss Georgia L. Seeders, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Seeders, both of Jerome, were married at Davidsville by Justice of the Peace Kore Kaufman.

Wilson H. Hitechew, son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Hitechew, of Stoyestown, and Miss Susan Pearle Spangler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Solomon C. Spangler, of Shanksville, were married at the residence of the officiating magistrate, Justice of the Peace L. D. Snie, in Shade township November 27.

Harry H. Ringler, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Henry Ringler, of Somerset township, and Miss Melda V. Shober, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Shober, of Brothers Valley township, were married at Beachdale yesterday by Rev. C. E. Kolb.

Curtis J. Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph D. Davis, and Miss Minnie May Berkeley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Israel C. Berkeley, both of Listie, were married at the parsonage of the Somerset United Evangelical Church on November 29 by Rev. Virgil Cameron Zener.

CHILD IS BURNED.

Injured While Playing Around a Mill Run Bonfire.

Carroll V. Rowen, the 3½ year old child of Mr. and Mrs. George S. Rowen of Mill Run, was painfully burned Saturday while playing around some burning papers in the yard. The youngster was brought to the Cottage State Hospital for treatment.

The father started to town with the lad Saturday but a wreck on the Indian Creek Valley railroad forced him to postpone the trip until Monday.

South Connellsville Man's Will.

Three sons of Peter Jagiloika of South Connellsville are cut off with but a dollar each in his will, which was probated on Wednesday. After providing for the payment of all his debts and the funeral expenses, he wills all of his property to his son, Alex, with instructions to divide it as follows: Frank, $100; Christine, $100; Peter, $50; Joseph, Victor and Louis, $1 each. Louis is to be given a home as long as his mind is considered "safe." The estate is valued at $1,280.

Westmoreland Native Dies.

Mrs. Margaret Ann Wallace Boyd of North Braddock, died Saturday night in the Columbia Hospital, Wilkinsburg. Mrs. Boyd was born and reared in Westmoreland county.

Executor's Notice.

H. F. Detwiler, Attorney.

ESTATE OF CATHERINE M. LONTZ, deceased. Letters of Administration on the estate of Catherine M. Lontz, late of Bullskin township, Fayette county, Pa., deceased, having been granted to the undersigned, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and to those having claims against the same to present them, properly authenticated for settlement. HARRY CHRISTNER, Executor. P. O. address, Stauffer, Pa. 27nov6tw

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A BOY KILLED BY BY RIFLE BALL THROUGH HEART

Earl Simpson of Scottdale Was Removing Cartridge From Weapon.

THE FATALITY WAS AT HIS HOME

Victim Was a Well Known and Popular Lad; Had Been Hunting Recently and Intended to Remove the Old Cartridge From the Gun.

SCOTTDALE, Dec. 1.—Earl Simpson, aged 15 years, was the victim of a rifle shot at his home on Fifth avenue on Sunday about noon and died almost instantly, the shot it is believed being an accidental one while he was handling a rifle, with which he had been hunting, it is said, on Thanksgiving Day. The boy was in his room at the time of the shooting and it is said that the family did nor hear the sound of the shot but heard the faint cries for help from him. As the lad was a jolly one and a tease immediate response was not made as it was thought that he was just trifling. It was probably only a couple of minutes, however, it is said until the youth's sister, Ada, ran upstairs thinking that something was really wrong, and found her brother with a bullet wound through the left breast. He gasped but a couple of times and was dead before a physician could be summonded.

It is said that there was one cartridge in the rifle and the young man intended taking it out leaving the gun empty. In some way the rifle was discharged and the shot was fatal. Deputy croner William Ferguson was notified and a post mortem will be held today.

The boy was popular with his associates, being of a happy disposition and had been an attendant of the public schools. He was a son of John F. and Alice T. Dunn Simpson, and besides the parents leaves a brother Michael Simpsen of the Baltimore & Ohio station at Everson; Justus Simpson, ticket agent of the Pennsylvania railroad at Scottdale, and a sister, Miss Ada Simpson at home.

The funeral services have been set for Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the late residence, with burial in the Scottdale cemetery.

FUNERAL HELD.

The funeral of Mrs. Susie Myers, wife of Earl Myers, was held from the late residence on Second avenue, Scottdale, on Sunday afternoon. The deceased was aged 40 years and was a daughter of Jonas Foust and Mary Stillenpole Foust.

TRAIN HIT HIM FIRST.

Going to Throw Rocks at Engine; Loses Life.

Joseph Klement, 28 years old, a miner at Holsopple, was killed by a Baltimore & Ohio train at the Maple Ridge mine. To a companon Klement said he was going to hit the front wheel of the locomotive with a stone. As he was about to pick up the missle the engine struck him. He leaves a widow and two children.

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ALUMNI DANCE IS A BRILLIANT AFFAIR; THE TANGO IS HERE

New Steps Gain Recognition at Formal Event for First Time.

ARMORY BRIGHTLY DECORATED

More Than Two Hundred Fifty Persons Attend Annual Ball of High School Graduates; Gay Gowns Add to Attractiveness of the Scene.

Ranking with the military ball in point of importance as the leading social event of the season, and lacking only the tinseled decorations of the soldiers' affair, the annual dance of the Connellsville Alumni Association was held in the armory last week with more than two hundred fifty persons in attendance. It was a brilliant event. The armory was never decorated more attractively, the gowns were bright and of many-colored hues, and Kiferle's orchestra scintillated. Hundreds gathered in the balcony and watched the dancers until well on to midnight.

The dance was in charge of the committee composed of Dr. Walter N. Goldsmith, Frederick Frisbee, T. Clifford Edmonds and Lloyd J. Shaw. Much of the success of the dance was due to the direction of Dr. Goldsmith, the floor manager. There wasn't a flaw. In the receiving line were Eugene T. Norton, A. D. Solomon, C. W. Hays, J. Kirk Renner, Charles S. Hall, J. Hall Spear, Miss Nelle Brickman, Miss Pearl Keck, Miss Edith Gallagher, Miss Naomi Rosenblum and Miss Mary Thomas. Mr. Norton and Miss Rosenblum led the grand march.

The dance gained particular attention because the new steps were given recognition. They were not formally included in the program, but there was no objection on the part of the committee for any couple to one-step, Boston or tango.

Although opportunities here for stepping the new dances have been limited, a surprisingly large number of persons took advantage of the committee's attitude and throughout the evening they all went, from the tango and near-tango, to the castle walk and its variations.

The affair was splendidly conducted from every standpoint. Appreciation over the attitude of the committee towards the new dances were demonstrated by the fact that the steps were done properly. Not a couple drew a frown of disapproval from the floor manager, and Dr. Goldsmith is a judge of the art of Terpischore to be respected.

Some of the members of the committee expressed amusement over the nature of publicity given the dance, particularly in Uniontown, where the new dances have been formally recognized for the past two seasons.

"They say the 'lid was off,'" one member said today. "That is correct only to the extent that the ban that had been placed on the new steps by a few amateur Antony Comstocks was removed. I believe the new dances are entitled to the same trial here they are being given elsewhere. If they lack merit they will soon die out, and in such an event, opposition to them now will only make them live the longer.

"We are not at all disturbed at the publicity. The dance was the most successful that has been held by the association, and the concensus of opinion was that the proprieties were never more closely observed."

The report that the school board would take official action because some of the school teachers violated a mythical rule which is supposed not only to forbid them from dancing the tango, but from attending dances where it is permitted, is not taken seriously. At least one school director who attended the alumni did some of the new steps.

"The school board has its hands full running the schools," one director said. "Dancing isn't a part of the curriculum, and if it was, the faculty ought to handle it. We have troubles enough as it is."

A great many out-of-town guests attended the alumni dance. Those who were there included the following:

Miss Aurelia Harvey, Rochester, Pa.; Miss Gertrude Kelley, McKees Rocks; Miss Marion Munson, Beaver College; Miss Stella White, Monongahela; Miss Elizabeth Reed, Pittsburg; Miss Elizabeth Anderson, Miss Josephine McCullough, Miss Mary Kellar, Miss Gertrude Reid, Scottdale; Miss Francis Thompson, Miss Ethna Davidson, Miss Ida Mae Pickard, Miss Elizabeth Huston, John Farrell, E. T. Walters, H. H. Baer, P. D. Riblet, David Davis, A. A. Rutter, James List, Uniontown; C. C. Perry, Louis Wooster, Frank Kellar, Jr., Scottdale; Murray Campbell, Greensburg; J. Hall Spear, Pittsburg; Benjamin McPartland, Lee H. Morris, Lawrence Munk, Pittsburg; P. Wilhelm Helzel, Conway; H. E. Whitsett, Eustis, Fla.; R. J. Ryan, Everson; Miss Dorothy Jackson, Beaver Falls; Mr. and Mrs. Russell Mason, Pittsburg.

BIG Y. M. C. A. FUND.

New York City Gives $4,000,000 for That Work.

New York has just pledged more than $4,000,000 for the Young Men's Christian Association work in that city, following a strenuous two-weeks' campaign headed by George W. Perkins, the financier.

Secretary E. T. Baer of the local Y. M. C. A. has been watching the progress of the campaign with interest because the details were worked out by Charles Ward, under whom Mr. Baer was engaged prior to coming here.

Sold by Sheriff.

A one story frame building and its contents on Main street, West Side, owned by E. C. Pierce, the awning maker, was sold at sheriff's sale on Friday morning to J. Love for $266.

SMITHFIELD IS A TURKEYLESS TOWN ON THANKSGIVING.

SMITHFIELD, Nov. 28.—What is believed to be a record that was not equalled in the state is said to have been made here when not a single turkey was consumed on Thanksgiving. Smithfield has a population of one thousand, yet careful inquiry revealed the fact that the popular bird did not find a place on the festal board of a single home.

All the turkeys raised in this vicinity were shipped out.

ARRANGEMENTS COMPLETE FOR FARMERS' INSTITUTES

Interesting Sessions are to be Held in Fayette County This Month.

Final arrangements have been completed for the twenty-fifth annual Farmers' Institutes to be held in the Presbyterian Church at Dunbar, December 10 and 11, in the Pleasant View Church at Smock December 12 and 13, and in the high school auditorium at Perryopolis December 15 and 16. The institutes are held under the auspices of the Department of Agriculture of Pennsylvania, and instructors of note are being sent. All farmers and their families and friends are urged to attend.

The instructors are J. T. Campbell of Hartstown, Crawford county, one of the best farmers and poultry raisers in the northwestern part of Pennsylvania; E. B. Dorsett of Mansfield, Tioga county, a state granger; H. W. Funk of Boyerstown, Berks county, a typical market gardener and florist, working at these occupations in Pennsylvania and Florida; Malcolm H. McCallum of Wernersville, a truck and fruit raiser and farm superintendent of the state asylum at Wernersville and Prof. E. L. Worthen of State College, assistant professor of agronomy. He is a soil expert and fertilizer analyzer.

The opening Dunbar session will convene at 1.30 P. M. and the evening session at 7.30 o'clock. Subjects for discussion at the morning session are "Economic Maintenance of Productive Power," "Legumes; Their Relation to Crop Production," and "Organic Matter and Nitrogen. There will be five sessions at each of the three towns.

The committee on arrangements at Dunbar is composed of John Work, J. A. Bryson, Harry Barricklow and T. H. Smith. The committee on music is composed of Ella Byers, Bertha Nemon, J. M. Burbans and T. Scott Dunn.

The following committees will have charge of the Smock institute: Arrangements, J. H. Ritterhouse, N. O. Phillips, J. Howard Dunn and Harrison Valls; music, Loretta Duff, Harry Duff, Anna Duff and Rena Moser.

At Perryopolis arrangements, L. C. Harris, T. H. Patton, L. Krepps and E. E. Arnold; music, Prof. T. C. Stevens and Mrs. L. C. Harris.

THANKSGIVING AT HOSPITAL

Only Three of Nineteen Patients Unable to Enjoy the Dinner.

Out of the 19 patients at the Cottage State Hospital all but three were able to partake of the annual turkey dinner yesterday. Wednesday evening Tony Rowe, 28 years old of Garrett was admitted. By an explosion of dynamite in the mines he had a finger and thumb on his left hand blown off. Mike Hurley of the West Side, 35 years old, suffered a fracture of the left arm this morning in the mines of the H. C. Frick Coke Company at Trotter.

The following donations were received at the hospital: Two dozen carnations and 18 towels from the Women's Christian Temperance Union; three towels and ten glasses of jelly from the Martha Norton Bible Class of the Christian Churches; three dozen dessert saucers and one-half dozen steak plates from Mrs. William Herzberg; 10 loaves of bread and three pounds of jelly roll from A. J. Templeton, the baker; three dozen chrysanthemums from P. R. DeMuth & Sons; three turkeys from W. T. Muir.

HOLD UNION SERVICE

Thanksgiving Sevices are Largely Attended in Connellsville.

The annual union Thanksgiving services were held Thursday morning in the United Presbyterian Church with representatives from all the churches in attendance. Nearly every seat was occupied. In the absence of Rev. E. B. Burgess of the Trinity Lutheran Church, Rev. J. L. Proudfit of the First Presbyterian Church delivered the opening prayer. An eloquent and appropriate sermon was delivered by Rev. R. C. Wolf, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church. The collection, which amounted to $21.50, was turned over to the Tuberculosis League.

The annual union Thanksgiving services of the Dawson churches, held last evening in the Cochran Memorial Church, were largely attended. Rev. W. B. Purnell of the Presbyterian Church of Dawson delivered the sermon.

ATTACKS HIS WIFE.

Mount Braddock Man Jailed on a Serious Charge.

Steve Bubocia of Mount Braddock is in the Uniontown jail charged with aggravated assault and battery with intent to kill his wife, Anna Bubocia. Steve admitted that while crazed from the effects of liquor he attacked his wife and that he did not realize what he was doing.

Mrs. Bubocia does not want her husband prosecuted. She claims he only beats her when drunk.

Presbytery to Meet.

The regular quarterly meeting of the Redstone Presbytery will be held Monday morning, December 8 in the First Presbyterian Church in Uniontown. Ministers from all over the Presbytery will attend.

EXPIRING COUNCIL BALKS AT VOTING PAY FOR MEMBERS

President Burns Declines to Consider Attempted Salary-Grab.

WANTED FIVE YEARS' PAYMENT

Tilt Over Voting $25 a Year to Each Member Since 1909 Lively Feature of Borough Council's Last Meeting; Outstanding Bills are Paid.

At the last meeting of the borough council on Saturday, a session which was attended by 19 of the 21 members, an effort to vote each councilman since 1909, $25 a year for his services failed after a long discussion. President O. P. Burns would not consider the motion, claiming that such action would be illegal, notwithstanding the custom in previous years.

Frank Friel, who was present for the first time since the Old Guard were ousted about three months ago, was responsible for the motion. He was supported by Decker and Brennan, who argued that if councilmen received $25 a year prior to 1909 there was no reason why the subsequent members should not be so compensated.

Mr. Friel's motion included the last five years. He said that the item of $25 a year for the members was stricken off in 1909 on a motion of Councilman Wallace. He claimed that the resolution applied to that year only.

President Burns inquired as to the legality of such action and Solicitor Munson said that he doubted very much if it would be proper. At any rate, he said, it would be a bad move, especially so if the last five years were taken in. Brennan wanted to know why it was legal prior to 1908. Squire Buttermore said he remembered receiving a salary in 1876 and 1877. Mr. Bishop also admitted having received pay for his services. McCormick said he'd like to have it and was sure the councilmen deserved it, yet he doubted the legality of such a procedure.

After Friel had requested that the minutes of 1908 be looked up to see just what action had been taken at that time, about 15 minutes was consumed in digging back into the past. When the minutes in question were located, it showed that the bills for the month were paid with the exception of $25 a year for the councilmen. Friel insisted upon having his motion put, but President Burns decided that he could not consider it, so the matter was dropped.

At the suggestion of Squire Clark of the street committee, the president and clerk were directed to sign the profiles of four ungraded streets as prepared by the engineer, before retiring from office.

Bids for the paving of Race street were received from Ridge Brothers, Duggan & Miller, P. J. Flynn and A. G. Page. Duggan & Miller were awarded the contract, Soisson No. 1 firebrick to be used and the work to be started at once. The West Penn railways is to be notified to purchase new rails for its tracks on that street.

A complaint from a Mr. Sanner of Snyder street, who claims that his property was damaged by the grading in connection with the recent paving, was discussed but no action was taken.

A communication from the board of trustees of the Cottage State Hospital stating that the engineer's plot for the extension of the alley at the rear of the hospital required the institution to give more land than would be allowed by law, was placed on file as was a request from the West Penn Railways Company for permission to defer repairs to streets until spring, unless some places are pointed out as dangerous to traffic.

The East Park bridge repairs were declared to be satisfactory and the job accepted.

At the recommendation of Dr. C. W. Utts, chairman of the finance committee, certificates of indebtedness were directed to be drawn as follows in payment of outstanding obligations: Joseph Soisson Fire Brick Company, for Snyder street improvement, $2,286.97; A. Stickel, East Park Addition bridge repairs, $1,584; John Duggan, Morrell avenue paving, $3,582.83; A. G. Page, Snyder street paving, $1,548.7; a total of $8,902.56.

A total of $2,635.36, the amount of current bills, was ordered to be paid.

Burgess J. L. Evans reported 134 arrests, of which 35 were discharged, 98 committed and 48 paid fines; 13 constables' prisoners and $228.50 collected for fines and licenses.

The following members were present: Clark, Stillwagon, Berg, Bishop, Gorman, Haddock, Herbert, Reynolds, Brant, Utts, Decker, Buttermore, Friel, Brennan, Harmening, McCormick, Hay and Kooser.

BRODIGAN IN JAIL.

Other Three Boys Released; Will Return Stolen Money.

Joe Brodigan, the youth who robbed his brother Ed., of $190 and divided it among three companions, was sent to jail at Uniontown yesterday morning to answer a charge of larceny at the December term of court.

The other boys were released, the charge of receiving stolen goods being withdrawn upon their promising to return the money they received from Brodigan.

Somerset Man Dies.

SOMERSET, Nov. 29.—Professor Charles Rolland B. Cramer, aged 43, died at his home near Somerset Wednesday, following an illness of several months from a complication of ailments.

Marry in Cumberland.

John L. Smith of Sand Patch, and Mary Catherine Miller of Listie, were married in Cumberland yesterday.

ELECTION CONTEST ARGUED BEFORE COURT SATURDAY

Candidates for School Director at South Connellsville Want Recount Made.

UNIONTOWN, Nov. 29.—The contest of the election of two school directors, B. F. Johns and John Wilder, at the November election in South Connellsville was taken up this morning and argued before Judge J. Q. Van Swearingen. The contest was entered by C. H. Hyatt and Ray Tremberth, candidates, who claim if the votes had been legally counted by the election board they would have been elected instead of Johns and Wilder. Hyatt and Tremberth claim that the board did not count 18 votes they received on the Republican and Democratic ticket combined.

The new school code of 1911 provides that in the case of a contest in the election of school directors the contest must be entered in court within ten days after the election. It was fifteen days after the election that Tremberth and Hyatt entered the contest. The court took charge of the papers and in case the election is found to be illegal, an inspector will be appointed to open the ballot box which is now in the hands of the sheriff.

The case of Garrett Emme, a former treasurer of the North Union township school board was taken up and argued this morning. At the time of the election of Emme June 7, 1909, his salary was not fixed by the school board. At the expiration of his term, Emme wrote out a check for $1,600 payable to himself, the maximum allowance of the law of 1854. A Uniontown bank held the check, refusing to cash it. The court has not given its decision in the matter.

Judge Van Swearingen this morning granted John Gallic a divorce from his wife Mary Gallic. The pair were married in Charleroi in 1900. The charge was desertion and infidelity. Gallic resides in Dunbar township.

PROGRAM ARRANGED FOR THE LODGE OF SORROW OF ELKS

Annual Memorial Service Will Be Held in Soisson Theatre a Week from Tomorrow.

The program for the annual memorial services of Connellsville Lodge No. 503, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, has been completed. The Elks will hold their lodge of sorrow on Sunday, December 7, in the Soisson Theatre. Charles H. Kline, a member of the Pennsylvania State Senate, will be the orator of the occasion. The quartet of the Third Presbyterian Church, Uniontown, will sing. The complete program is as follows:

Funeral March.....Chopin
Kiferle's Orchestra.
"Te Deum"—B Minor..Dudley Buck
Quartet, Third Presbyterian Church, Uniontown—Miss Ella Brooke, soprano; Miss Elizabeth Brooke, alto; Frederick T. Miller, tenor; Edward D. Miller, baritone. William H. Holland, accompanist.
Opening Ceremonies, James B. Millard
"Sleep on, Beloved".....Ira Sankey
Quartet.
"O, for a Closer Walk with God"...
.....Myles B. Foster
Quartet.
Eulogy.....Hon. Charles H. Kline
"Hark, Hark, My Soul"...H. R. Shelley
Quartet.
Closing Ceremonies.....Lodge
Doxology, Audience Joining.
Benediction.....Rev. E. B. Burgess
Selection.....Kiferle's Orchestra

TOTS TRAMP MILES

They Hike from Saltlick in Order to Join Their Dad.

Two small sons of J. J. Penrod, manager of the news stand at the West Penn waiting room, ran away from relatives in Saltlick township on Thanksgiving Day and walked nine miles to Connellsville to see their father.

The little fellows, who are both under 10 years of age, were about worn out when they finally found their way to the West Penn station. How they managed to find the way is a mystery but they did it. Their mother died about a year ago and since that time they have been under the care of relatives out in the township.

Their desire to see their father and sister in town led them to undertake the long journey on foot. They are still here on a visit.

DIES IN GREENSBURG.

Hemorrhage Fatal to Youngwood Woman, to be Buried Here.

Mrs. Nellie Jane Cover, 25 years old, wife of F. H. Cover of Youngwood died Friday morning in the Westmoreland hospital in Greensburg. Death was due to a hemorrhage. Funeral services will be held from her home tomorrow afternoon at 1.30 o'clock. The body will be brought to Connellsville for interment.

Mrs. Cover in addition to her husband is survived by six small children, the youngest a babe of four weeks old, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Allison of Star Junction, and the following brothers and sisters: Isaac, Thomas, Delton and Lloyd Allison, Mrs. N. E. Houck, Misses Beatrice and Clara Allison, all of Star Junction.

WRIGHT BAGS A MOOSE.

New Councilman is Home From Canadian Hunting Trip.

Councilman-elect F. W. Wright, president of the Wright-Metzler Company, returned home Wednesday night from a two week's hunting trip in Canada. He succeeded in bagging a moose, the antlers of which measured 54 inches across, and contained 33 points.

Mr. Wright had a pleasnt trip, weather conditions being decidely satisfactory throughout. The head of the moose is being mounted and will be shipped here when the job is finished.

Berlin Woman Dies.

Mrs. Margaret Baker, 73 years old, widow, of Levi Baker, died Friday at her home in Berlin. The surviving children are Paul Baker of Connellsville and Theodore and Freeman Baker of Berlin.

CHURCHES JOIN IN EVANGELISM FOR SCOTTDALE

Preparing for a Great Campaign to Begin on February 22nd.

TO BE HELD IN ONE CHURCH

The Pastors are Assigned Their Places in the Work, Which is Different From Any Ever Undertaken in the Mill Town; Prayer Meetings First.

SCOTTDALE, Nov. 28.—A united effort in local evangelism will be under taken by the Scottdale churches this year. The intention is to have a series of meetings in which all the congregations will take part and an organized movement will be made to secure the presence of the unsaved and indifferent. Following upon this united effort each church will then be the scene of a series of meetings, gathering up the fragments as it were.

The Ministerial Association is now at work on the various plans that will be followed out in the united effort, under the various ministers who are to look after different departments of the work. Committees will also be appointed from the laity of the churches to take care of that end of the campaign. The work will begin with prayer meetings soon, and these will be kept going until the big work starts.

The following of the ministers have been assigned their part of the work of the campaign which will open on February 22. The opening day of the meetings is to be observed as "Go to Church Day." Rev. H. W. Millen, pastor of the United Presbyterian Church, was appointed to secure a church for the meeting; H. S. Piper, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and I. E. Runk, pastor of the United Brethren Church, were appointed to have supervision of the campaign, William G. Russell, pastor of the Baptist Church, F. E. Stough, pastor of the Lutheran Church, and O. J. Howearth, pastor of the Christian Church, were named as the prayer meeting campaign committee. J. A. Addison, secretary of the Yong Men's Christian Association, was appointed to have charge of the advertising. I. E. Runk, of the United Brethren Church, James E. Hutchison, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, and H. S. Piper were named to have charge of the music during the meetings. W. J. Muir, pastor of the Reformed Church, was appointed to have charge of the finances of the campaign, and O. J. Howearth, pastor of the Christian Church, to have charge of the staff of ushers. The campaign will start with good organized effort it isbelieved will make quite an impression on the religious life of the community.

MERCHANT DROPS DEAD

Joseph D. Miller of Rockwood Served in the Legislature.

ROCKWOOD, Nov. 29.—Joseph D. Miller, aged 74, manager of McSpadden's department store in this place, dropped over dead from heart failure in the store room yesterday afternoon. He had been in the mercantile business here for many years. He was a veteran of the Civil War, and served in the Legislature.

He is survived by his wife, Helen Will Miller, and the following children: James M. Miller of Dubois; J. Ernest Miller, Chester Arthur Miller, John W. Miller, and Jennie, wife of Levi Wolfe of Rockwood. He is survived also by the following brothers and sisters: Ephraim D. Miller and Postmaster John C. F. Miller of Rockwood; Milton P. Miller of Columbus, O.; Cyrus Miller of Lanmark, Ill., and Mary, wife of Richard Sechler of Listie.

The funeral will be held on Sunday. The obsequies will be in charge of Rev. D. S. Kurtz, pastor of the Rockwood Lutheran Church. Interment in the New Centerville Lutheran cemetery.

DIES IN AMBULANCE

Unknown Man, Badly Hurt, Found on Coke Yards.

An unkown man, about 55 years old, was found in a dying condition Saturday morning on the Rainey coke yards at Elm Grove. He was brought to Connellsville on a West Penn street car and died in the ambulance while on his way to the Cottage State Hospital. The body was removed to Funeral Director J. E. Sims morgue and prepared for burial after which the poor board was notified to come and take charge of the body. Coroner H. J. Bell was also notified of the death.

From all appearances the man was a tramp and had slept on the coke yard last night. The supposition is that he was struck by a larry. There were a number of bruises on his body. Internal injuries was the cause of his death. There were no papers on his person to lead to his identity.

REWARD FOR SON.

Father of Charles Snyder Offers $50 for Information Concerning Him.

The parents of Charles B. Snyder, who disappeared from his home in Perryopolis on September 22, are offering a reward of $50 for information as to their son's whereabouts.

He was last seen by the conductor on a Baltimore Ohio train between Confluence and Ohiopyle on October 6, 1913. He is 28 years old, 5 feet 10 inches tall, has dark brown hair, blue eyes, and the ends of the first two fingers of one hand are slightly deformed from an injury. His father, Anthony Snyder, is making every effort to locate him and every possible clue is being followed up.

Named Postmistress.

Mrs. Emma Smith has been appointed postmistress at Jumonville, this county, to succeed J. A. Walters.

HOLIDAY DINNER IS HARD ON DIGESTION; TABLETS IN DEMAND.

The Thanksgiving dinner of turkey and trimmings proved hard on the digestive apparatus of several hundred citizens on Thursday, judging from the demand imposed upon a local drug store for dyspepsia tablets during the afternoon.

One store kept open throughout the afternoon and before the shades of night had fallen the stock of remedies that are demanded as a result of high living had been completely exhausted.

RETURNS HOME TO FIND HER HOUSE HAD BEEN RANSACKED

Home of S. Y. Waterhouse on Cottage Avenue is Rifled by Burglars.

Burglars ransacked the home of Stanley Y. Waterhouse, corner of Cottage avenue and Church place, some time during 7.30 and 9.30 o'clock Thursday securing a suit of clothes, necktie, shirts, collars, a baby's bank containing a small sum of money, a revolver and some silverware.

Mrs. Waterhouse and her children were out of the house during the time the robbers were busy, having gone down to the Baltimore & Ohio railroad station to take Mr. Waterhouse's lunch. The latter is employed as wire chief at "D" office and is on duty until 11 o'clock.

On her return about 9.30 she found the house in great disorder. A desk in the parlor was opened and the contents strewn about the floor. Similar conditions were encountered in every room. Upstairs the clothes in a closet were scattered about the floor and Mr. Whiterhouse's new brown suit was missing. His revolver which reposed in a bureau drawer was also missing.

The burglars left no clew. They secured entrance through the rear door. A paper containing the advertisement of a local tailor was found near the window through which they entered and this morning the box in which the silver knives and forks were contained, was found in Church place a short distance away.

LITERARY SOCIETY MEETS

Fricksonian of Dunbar Township Gives an Interesting Program.

The regular meeting of the Fricksonian Literary Society of the Dunbar township High School was held Wednesday afternoon at the high school auditorium at Leisenring. The debate, "Resolved, that an income tax in the United States would be practicable and desirable," was decided in favor of the negative. The debaters were, affirmative, Lester St. Clair, Mary Belle Galley; negative, Donald Barnhart and Mabel Harbaugh.

The remainder of the program was as follows: Song, by school; recitation, "Louis Thanksgiving," Henrietta Blacey; piano solo, Hellen Belle Rush; original story, "Women," George Jolliffe; essay, "Basketball," Kathryn Keyes; "A Surprise," Anna Grace Cochran; piano solo, Elma Harper; recitation, "When Love and Duty Meet," Mary McLaughlin; critic's remarks, Mr. Grossman. Arrangements are being made by the annual literary contest of the Fricksonian and Lelsenonian societies to be held some time after the holidays.

LID GOES ON.

No New Steps Permitted at Church Bazaar Dance.

The floor committee in charge of the dance following the Immaculate Conception bazaar Thursday took great pains to prevent the dancing of the new steps. Several couples were notified to stop and upon failing to do so were told that they would not be permitted to dance at future functions under the same auspices.

The efforts of the committee to keep the trippers of the light fantastic from going to extremes kept them mighty busy and made them unpopular in some sections.

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WESTERN SUFFRAGE WOMEN GO THROUGH HERE ON THE B. & O.

Special Train Takes Them to Washington for Demonstration.

THEY WILL INVADE THE CAPITOL

Delegates From Three States, Numbering 125, Travel in a Special Train; Jane Addams, Noted Social Worker, Precedes Them by One Day.

Woman suffragists from three states went through here on Saturday on their way to Washington where a big demonstration is to be held on Monday when the regular session of Congress will open. They traveled in a special train over the Baltimore & Ohio railroad which passed through here at 10.15. The train stopped a short while and members of the delegation exercised along the platform. Women from the suffrage associations of Illinois, Wisconsin and Nebraska were on board. There were 125 of them.

The train was in charge of Mrs. Grace Wilbur Trout, president of the Illinois Equal Suffrage Association. Mrs. Trout was in charge of the Illinois delegation which passed through Connellsville last March on its way to the inauguration of President Wilson and since that time she was successful in the fight she led to get votes for the Illinois women.

There was a baggage car, club car, dining car and five sleepers on the train, all steel. The Baltimore & Ohio is making a fast run with the party.

Yesterday Miss Jane Addams, one of the best known women in the country, went through Connellsville on her way from Chicago to Washington. She traveled on No. 16.

HIS LIABILITIES LARGE

Only $40,000 Realized to Meet Somerset Man's $230,000 Debts.

SOMERSET, Nov. 29.—At public sale here today Attorney Charles H. Ealy, assignee of Samuel D. Livengood, sold a house and lot in Meyersdale borough for $930, to William P. Meyers of Summit township. A tract of coal land in Somerset township was offered for sale, but the highest bid, $12,000, was considered insufficient, and the disposition of this property was postponed.

Livengood was president of the now defunct Farmers' Bank, a private institution at Meyersdale. It went under eight or nine years ago, following which Attorney Harvey M. Berkeley, of Somerset, was appointed assignee by Livengood, for the benefit of creditors. Berkeley mysteriously disappeared several months ago. Livengood's debts when his bank closed its doors aggregated $230,000, according to records in the Somerset court house. According to the same records his resources so far realized upon amount to only $40,000.

Fulton Files a Kick.

Attorney Ellwood D. Fulton of Fayette county has filed a protest against the rates charged by the West Penn between Uniontown and Brownsville. No figures were presented to the Public Service Commission, Fulton merely stating that the "high cost of living" demanded cheaper fares.

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LEGISLATION FOR STEEL CARS WILL FACE THE CONGRESS

Several Bills Affecting the Railroads Will be Introduced.

PASSAGE ARE TO BE OPPOSED

Railroad Officials Declare That Such Legislation is Not Necessary and Would Impose Too Great a Burden for the Companies Now to Bear.

Legislation requiring all railroads doing an interstate business to substitute all steel passenger, baggage and express cars for the wooden type will be one of the big questions considered during the regular session of Congress. A section of the House committee on interstate commerce, headed by Representative R. B. Stevens of New Hampshire, has under consideration five different bills dealing with the car problem.

One is fathered by Representative Michael Donohoe of Pennsylvania and another by Representative James A. Hughes of West Virginia. All have for their aim the elimination of the wooden type of car. The time when the proposed law shall become effective ranges from January 1, 1915, to January 1, 1918. They provide fines of from $500 to $1,000 for each day's violation.

The Donohoe and Hughes bills are among the most drastic introduced. The Pennsylvanian would give railroads until January, 1915, to replace wooden equipment with cars of steel or iron, and carriers complying with the law must refuse to haul over their lines cars from connecting lines not meeting the requirements of the Federal statute. Neither the Donohoe bill nor any of the others make provision for a railroad doing an intrastate business exclusively. Thus a small railroad within the state of Pennsylvania could not have hauled over the main line of the Pennsylvania railroad one of its cars from the point where the roads connect to any other station within the state.

Chairman Adamson of the Interstate commerce committee, in discussing the possibility of legislation during the session, said there was sentiment in and out of Congress demanding that the railroads be compelled to substitute steel cars for wooden ones; but he was not prepared to say that any of the bills before his committee would become a law in the near future. He believes that Congress will be forced to take up the matter for early consideration.

The only law to date dealing with the car situation is one approved March 4, 1911, by President Taft, requiring postal cars of all steel construction, and this type is being substituted for the wooden type as rapidly as they can be supplied by the builders.

Railroad officials say that a Federal law to insure the use of steel cars is not necessary and that, should such legislation be enacted, it would cost the railroads $614,619,100 to comply, to comply, the interest on such investment being $30,730,955 annually.

An additional argument of the railroads is that the roadbeds and bridges are not sufficiently strong to carry heavier trains, and they declare that accident records of the past two years "warrant the suspicion that the unusual weight and speed of trains have been the probable cause in most accidents."

"Under present conditions steel car legislation would not only be unwise, but would actually be a case of dangerous Federal interference with railroad management," it is asserted.

SAFETY FIRST IN SCHOOLS

Pennsylvania Railroad to Give Neat Buttons to Youngsters.

The Pennsylvania railroad is planning to carry its campaign for "safety first" into the public schools and large quantities of neat little gold plated buttons are to be distributed to the pupils. These buttons consist of a green border in which is a keystone containing the Pennsylvania railroad monogram. In gold letters in the green background is the motto "safety first."

These buttons cost the company 20 cents each but this will be considered money well spent if the idea of safety is brought home to every child. It is planned to have the teachers explain to their pupils just what the safety first idea is with instructions not to trespass on railroad property nor meddle with equipment.

Special stress is to be laid on the risk incurred by trespassers on the railroad tracks, the awful slaughter yearly being emphasized.

NO MORE PASSES

Families of Penns. Employes to Lose Their Transportation.

Employes of the Pennsylvania railroad have been notified that after January 1, free transportation for their families between points in this state will be discontinued.

The offical order does not state whether passes will be permissible outside of the limits of the state, but only a small number of these were ever issued, as most of the passes are limited to the branches on which the employes worked.

It has been rumored for some time that the Baltimore & Ohio railroad will also order the passes for employes' families discontinued, but no official order to that effect has been issued. Officials however, believe that such is the only course for the railroads under the recently enacted Public Service Commission law.

Thirty More Leave.

Thirty more foreign coke workers and their families Monday night over the Baltimore & Ohio railroad for New York, there to embark for the "old country" to spend Christmas.

RAILROAD MAN KILLED

Former Connellsville Man Meets Death at Cheat Haven.

M. E. Whip of Point Marion, superintendent of the Cheat Haven & Bruceton branch of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, was instantly killed Monday afternoon at Cheat Haven when he was caught between an engine and a car and crushed.

Whip was out on the tracks superintending the construction work and was assisting a shifting crew to make a "flying switch." He was riding upon the front of the engine to release a car in order that the brakeman might throw the switch. The switch, however, was thrown too late and the engine left the tracks. Engineer Schudder brought it to a stop and the flying car crashed into it, pinning Mr. Whip between it and the engine.

Deceased was a former resident of Connellsville, having been employed on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad about nine years ago, under Supervisor P. J. Adams. He was promoted to lumber purchasing agent at Manasses Junction and later was made general tie inspector for the the entire Baltimore & Ohio system and was located in Cincinnati. Recently he was made superintendent of the Cheat Haven & Bruceton branch.

PATENT VERDICT AFFIRMED

U. S. Appeals Court Gives Victory to Coal Company.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 29.—In an opinion by Judge Gray of the United States Court of Appeals affirmed the western district in a patent suit won there by the Coal & Coke By-Products Company against the Roessing Ernst Company, Alfred Ernst and the Best Manufacturing Company. The appeal was taken from an order made in Pittsburg granting a preliminary injunction enjoining the Roessing-Ernst concern from making, using and selling gas cleaners or employing a process for cleaning gas. The complainant was required to file a $10,000 bond.

The patents were the invention of Albert Ernst, while he was in the employ of the By-Products Company, but it was alleged that his rights were assigned for a consideration to the latter concern. The bill alleged that Ernst and the Roessing Company had employed the Best Manufacturing Company to manufacture for them certain of the By-Products patents which it is alleged infringed the patents in suit.

FATALITIES ON RAIL

More Deaths and Injuries by Accidents Than Last Year.

The Interstate Commerce Commission's accident bulletin for the quarter ended June 30, 1913, shows an increase of 140 in the number killed and 3,283 in the number injured in railroad accidents in the United States, compared with the same quarter in 1912. There was an increase of 124 in the number of train accidents. Defective roadway and defective equipment caused more than 39 per cent of all derailments reported, 15.1 per cent being caused by broken rails.

The number of casualties in accidents, incident to railroading during the quarter was 2,535 killed and 49,911 injured. Of these 2,286 were killed and 15,868 injured in other than train accidents including accidents to employes while at work, to passengers getting on or off cars, and to trespassers. The collisions and derailments for the quarter were 3,596. The financial damage caused by the accidents was $3,234,289.

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Deed of Sale to Carnegie Man is Filed in Washington.

WASHINGTON, Pa., Nov. 29.—A deed was filed for record here yesterday wherein Charles F. Montgomery of New Castle, and others convey to Charles Bell of Carnegie the property of the Washington County Coal Company in Crosscreek and Jefferson townships. Mr. Bell pays $165,000 for the property.

The property includes 808.71 acres of coal and 8,048 acres of surface, underlaid with coal, and equipment. The Washington County Coal Company property, which has been in litigation for several years due to financial trouble, finally went into the hands of E. T. Kurtz of New Castle, as receiver. Later the property was sold to Charles F. Montgomery of New Castle, as trustee, representing a group of men. He paid $121,200 with interest amounting to $2,182.80.

Steel Mills Start.

HARRISBURG, Nov. 29.—The Pennsylvania Steel Company has started the new Bessemer mill at Steelton and employes of the old plant will be transferred to it. The new mill contains two 20-ton converters and one 800-ton metal mixer. The plant was built in less than seven months.

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The westbound train leaves Baltimore at 9 P. M. and reaches Cleveland at 10.30 A. M. the following day. Returning, it leaves Cleveland at 5.15 P. M. and arrives in Baltimore at 7.53 the next morning.

Connellsville persons desiring to go to Cleveland on business may leave here at 5.40 A. M. and reach Cleveland at 10.30. They would have seven hours in which to transact business before returning, and would reach here at 11.30 P. M.

Switchman is Killed.

Guy Baer of Sand Patch, a Baltimore & Ohio switchman, was struck and instantly killed by a Baltimore & Ohio train Monday as he stepped out of the way of another train near the entrance to the Sand Patch tunnel. Funeral services will be held from the SS. Philip and James church at Meyersdale tomorrow morning.

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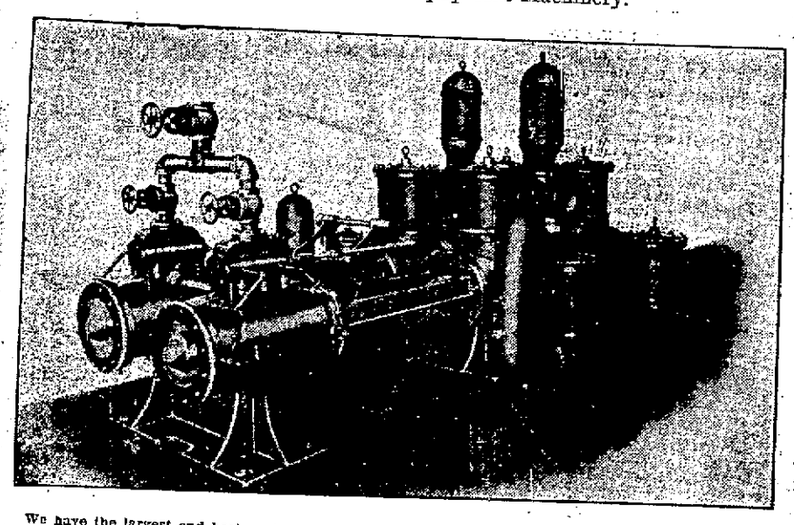

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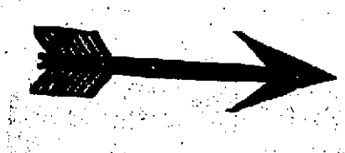

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